

Presence along the path

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Easier said than done, right? There are so many worrisome things in our lives! Health concerns for ourselves or those around us, morning traffic, bad grades. Maybe we’re worrying about more significant life changes, too—where to go to college, if we should move for that job, how to care for elderly parents. Or perhaps we’re worried about all the things going on around us in the world, things we can’t control. What does Jesus command us to do if we’re worrying? To believe that he will be there for us, guiding us toward fruitful lives.

I’ve been worrying a lot about my future career. I’m studying exercise science—a degree that really only leads to a career if you get a graduate degree. But there are so many options in this field, such as athletic training, physical therapy, and clinical research. And then I also have interests that aren’t related at all to my degree—ministry, public health, social activism. How can I figure out what to do with my life? How can I trust that whatever decision I make will work out?

This passage comforts me because I am reminded of the kind individual I will always have on my side, no matter what is happening. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way of love, peace, and justice. Trying to align my life with these values—that is what is most important. Even if I get it wrong, or do not continue the effort it takes to live in this path from time to time, still Jesus is there. Comforting, guiding, picking us up, and calling us to the most fruitful life there can be.

*Anna Schweitzer
Bloomington, Indiana*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me” (John 14:1, NRSVue). Today’s Bible readings from the lectionary: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

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*Do not let your hearts
be troubled*

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

May 3, 2026

All Music Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC

CHORAL INTROIT

“Let There Be Music”
Temple Choir

(Young)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Browne, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE

“March”
Rebecca Jackson

(Dubois)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

One: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your
name, O Most High,

*All: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness
at night.*

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord: let us shout to the
Rock of our salvation.

*All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with
music and song.*

***HYMN #87**

“Great is the Lord”
[Refrain]

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
by his power we trust in his love.*

*Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves he is love.*

[Verse 1]

*Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.*

*Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!*

[Refrain]

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
by his power we trust in his love.*

*Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves he is love.*

[Verse 2]

*Great are you Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.*

*Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord!*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Touch us, O God, through the ministry of melody, through the sounds and
senses of song, through wordless wonder which fills our souls with heaven,
through the spirit which teases our feet to dance and causes our hearts to over-
flow, that we might be absorbed in the mystery and magic of music, and that
in this moment of oneness our lives will be bonded to each other and to you.
Amen.

PRAISE SONG

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”
Morning Praise Team

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

BRETHREN BELLS

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(McChesney)

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity
of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, in the never-ending gift
of the Holy Spirit.

God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that
honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and
material possessions.

Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a vir-
tual offering plate to those worshiping with us on YouTube Live. We invite

you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob website.

Offertory: "O God Beyond All Praising" (Arr. Giamanco)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray: Receive now these offerings we bring, O God, along with the talents you have given us to use. Bless them to be used through our ministries for the sharing of your love and the Gospel message. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Listen to God's Music" (McCartha)
Temple Choir

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Hymnal #820
(Congregation reads the bold print.)

One: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: *Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.*

One: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: *Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.*

One: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The word is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

All: *Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.*

BRETHREN BELLS "Echoes From a Weary World" (Krug)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please remember our worship is also on YouTube and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM "Give Me a Song" (Choplin)
Temple Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 150 OT 583

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GIFT OF MUSIC

***HYMN #44** "When in our music God is glorified"

[Verse 1]

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried, alleluia!*

[Verse 2]

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound alleluia!*

[Verse 3]

*So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of
wrong, borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue, alleluia!*

[Verse 4]

*And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the
Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: alleluia!*

[Verse 5]

*Let eve'y instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always alleluia! alleluia!*

After the last hymn, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to our Closing and Postlude music.

CLOSING "A Choral Benediction" (Besig)
 Temple Choir

POSTLUDE "Hymn to Joy" (Keller)
 Brethren Bells

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\*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER **May 3, 2026**

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

“Take A Moment” Let the be our daily Take a Moment prayer for the week beginning on Sunday, May 3 - Loving God, All of creation announces and rejoices of your glory...as do I. Tenderly, you provide care to nurture your precious creation. With compassion, you hold in your arms that which needs special attention. Lovingly, O God, you reveal yourself to me in hopes that I will recognize your presence and know how much you love me. Your precious Son has shown me the very nature of love through his life, death and resurrection; and he commands me to love others, just as he has loved me. O God, my brothers and sisters in Christ are so very valuable to me and I do ove them. Help me, that the love I have for them will be known to them and bless their lives. Also, I ask that our love for each other reveals your gracious love, and overflows into the world to help to change it. Most of all I want you to know, Holy God...I love you. Amen.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

Today is All Music Sunday! Our thanks to Dennis Browne for being our worship leader today, to our wonderful music groups, the Temple Choir, the Brethren Bells, and the Praise Band, to our Director of Music Ministries, Burt Young and all our many talented soloists and musicians who bring us special music throughout the year.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Burt for sharing his incredible talents with the church, and to his family for sharing Burt with us, by Brian & Nicole Forsythe.

May Tidings are now available. If you did not receive an electronic copy please notify the Church office and you will be added to the emailing list. Printed copies can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall.

Our May Congregational Business Meeting will be held today. We will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall following our Worship, then following lunch, we will have our Congregational Business Meeting.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Thanks to all for your gift(s) of non-perishable food items and your continued support of this ministry to our community. All items collected the months of April, May, & June will be going to our Community Picnic.

The Christian Education Ministry Team is holding a meeting of all Vacation Bible School volunteers on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This year's VBS will be held from June 15th through the 19th and our theme is Tropical Trek. We are asking that all teachers and helpers be present, if possible, so that we can work toward finalizing our plans. If you are not able to attend but would still like to help, please reach out to any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team and we will be sure the appropriate information is sent your way following our meeting. CEMT members are Tina Mills, Chairperson; Debbie Long; Tracie Poteet; Kay Ogilvie; and Brenda Shane. Thank you!

HCOB is going to a Flying Boxcars game on Friday, May 22nd. There will be a sign-up sheet in the west entrance and fellowship hall for those who wish to attend. We need at least 20 people to go to this game for the price to be \$10.00 per person.

The Service & Outreach Team is organizing our Community Picnic which will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. We will need many of our members and friends to help us with this. We need help to set up on the parking lot at 8:30 am and take down at 1 pm. We need help with food servers, hospitality, welcome table, and a photographer. We also need 6 to 7 crockpots full of baked beans. They can be store-bought beans. We have decided not to have the cloth-ing giveaway but if anyone would like to take on this task, that is okay with us. Sign-up sheets will be available on May 3rd. We appreciate all you can do to make this a special day for our neighborhood.

The Spiritual Nurture Team wants to thank everyone who has brought in books for our Little Library out front and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. It is wonderful to see the little library empty every week. These families are benefiting from your gifts. God bless you.



World Vision Global 6k water walk/ run will be held on Saturday May 16th at Paramount Elementary School starting at 9:00AM—if you would like to participate or make donation you can go to: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/> and select teams 39506 or contact Mary Means.

Ed Poling Memorial HARC walk/run will be held on Saturday May 30th at Williamsport Zion Lutheran Church. If you would like participate or make a donation you can go to: harccoalition.org/hike/ or contact Mary Means.

Would you like a truly fun and meaningful few days away with your family this summer? The Family & Grand Camp retreat, one of Shepherd's Spring's newest weekend adventures, is filled with faith-based fun for all ages. This camp, from Friday afternoon, July 31, through Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, offers strong Scriptural teaching with lots of family-building activities -- from making your family's own t-shirts, to swimming and hiking together, gathering at campfires and much more -- while staying amid 220 acres of God's forested beauty, bordering the C&O Canal and the Potomac River!! All this, while staying in Shepherd's Spring's very own lodge, its Poplar Village cabins, or setting up your own tent and enjoying breakfast, lunch and dinner in the lodge's beautiful dining room. It's all here -- intergenerational, even! Yes, BRING Grandma and Grandpa!! Build the meaning of having Christian FAMILY!!! And, there's no charge for bringing your littles, ages 5 and under!! So, how 'bout it? Right now, family meeting!! Begin your adventure at: <https://www.shepherdsspring.org/> and click on "Summer Camp". -- *Arn Platou*

Cash for Causes/Martin's Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Donnie Maas (240-866-1077). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com**. Thank you!

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let's help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3

All Music Sunday/Food Pantry Sunday
9:00 am Sunday School Orchestra/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:20 am Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room
10:45 am Combined Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
12:00 pm Congregational Business Meeting & Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 4

Church office closed
1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, May 6

Admin. Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
6:30 pm CE Meeting_All VBS Volunteers/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 7

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 8

8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, May 9

Pastor Twyla's day off
8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall
(Breakfast open to the public 9-10:30AM)

Sunday, May 10

Pastor Twyla Vacation/Pastor Eddie Edmonds_Guest Preacher
Mother's Day/Junior Church
8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

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