

Be awed

I confess, praise is not always the first prayer _on my lips. Pleading. Lamenting. Sighing. Longing. Crying. Those prayers rise up practically unbidden. I am, perhaps, more comfortable with needing God than I am with awe-ing God. And so I appreciate Psalm 33's enthusiastic invitation to expand my modes of being with the One who "gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle" and "put the deeps in storehouses."

The psalmist summons the listener to remember the incredible acts of creation. Perhaps this is a reminder for the psalmist as well. God has brought this world into being with breath and a word. It is beyond our understanding. From the smallest cell to the furthest star to the water-worn canyons to the snow-capped summits—all of it stands firm in God's command. Notice it all, the psalmist seems to say. Let the vastness overwhelm you. Be awed.

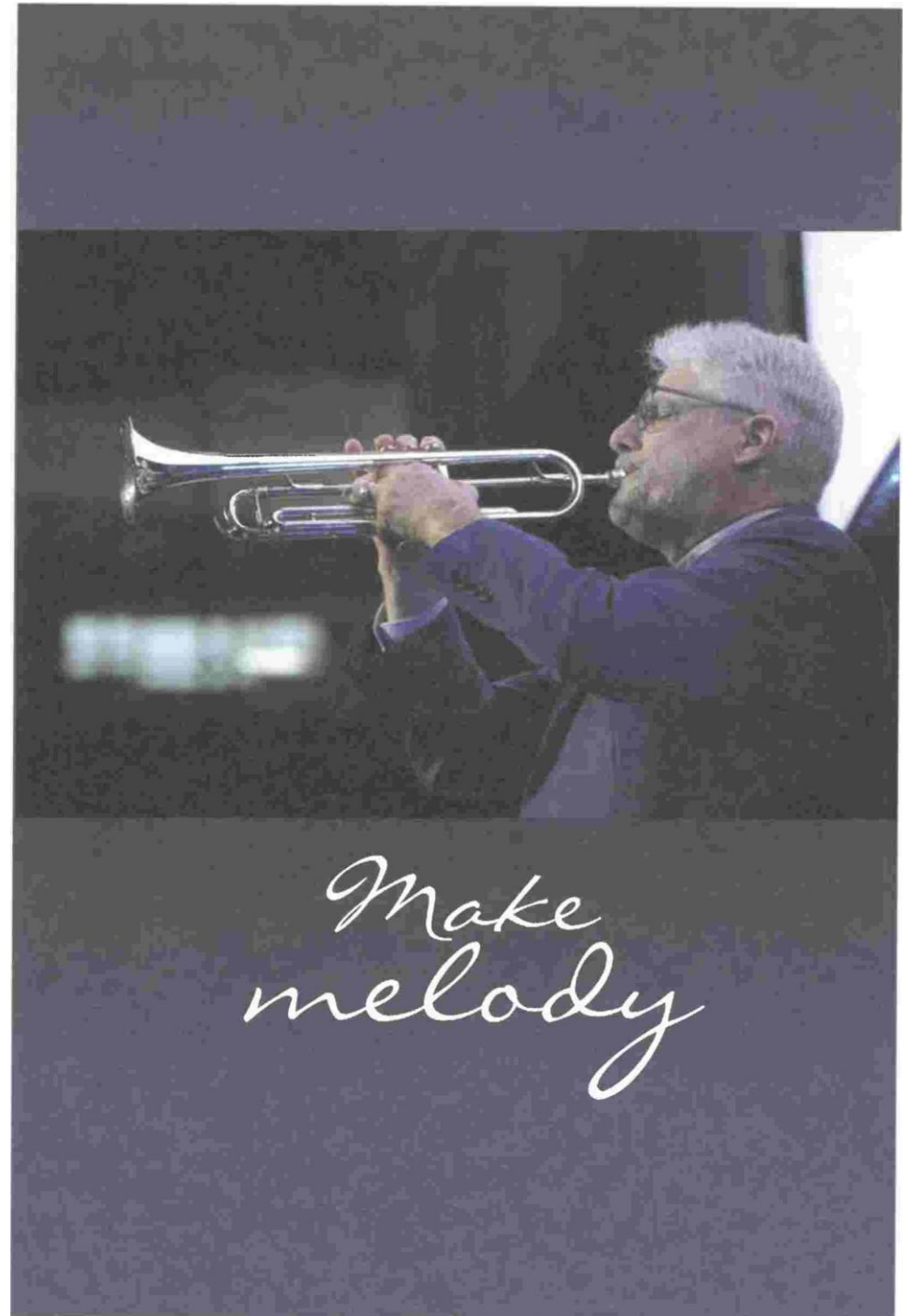
And to this creation, God is faithful. God "loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD." This too is a call to be in awe. Even when we have sent the creation into disarray, even when we are unjust and unfaithful, God's love is steady and all around. The earth is full of it. Let the grace of that overwhelm you. Be awed.

Maybe if I let that awe sink deep into my being, praise would more easily rise up unbidden. Loud shouts and ringing choruses, new songs and new ways of music-making might all rush forth. A melody of joy for a God who has never ceased to amaze.

- Cindy Laprade Lattimer
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

"Praise the LORD with the lyre; *make melody* to him with the harp of ten strings" (Psalm 33:2, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

June 7, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Baker, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (Scott)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and hear good news from God.

People: We have come to listen for a word from our God.

Leader: God opens up to us the way to life eternal.

People: Our hearts are hungry for God and his ways.

Leader: God's way is wholeness and peace with him.

People: We rejoice to receive good gifts from our God.

***HYMN #544** "When We Walk With The Lord"

[Verse 1]

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

[Refrain]

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

[Verse 2]

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay. Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is bless'd if we trust and obey.

[Refrain]

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

[Verse 3]

But we never can prove the delights of his love, until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

[Refrain]

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

[Verse 4]

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way. What he says we will do, where he sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey.

[Refrain]

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

***OPENING PRAYER (Invocation)**

We come and offer our praise to you, O God, for you are the one who calls us, but does not force us, to listen to your voice. You offer us life and the option to take the way that leads to it or to choose some other path. Help us to hear your voice and to obey knowing that you seek only our good. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

God, we know that you are a God of all people. There is no distinction in your mind because of race, size, language, or gender. We bring our gifts to you today to be given to help all people. We ask that they assist the poor, the homeless, the hopeless in some way. Take our gifts and use them in your service.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual 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 "When There's Love at Home" (Wilson)

***DOXOLOGY #119** "Praise God From Whom"

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Dear Father, for your manifold blessings we are grateful. For the new life that you have given us in Jesus Christ we are thankful. For the opportunities of service afforded each one of us we are appreciative. For the gifts with which you have blessed us we thank you. Now to you we give back some of these material gifts. Use them for your glory. Magnify them with your Spirit. Multiply them with your power. And accept them with your grace. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, your dear Son and our Savior. Amen.

MORNING ANTHEM "Love Grows Here" (Besig)
Temple Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

*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

HYMN #343 *"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"*

[Verse 1]

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust
the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

[Refrain]

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.*

[Verse 2]

*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest upon unchanging grace. In ev'ry rough and
stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*

[Refrain]

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.*

[Verse 3]

*His oath, his covenant, and blood, support me in the 'whelming flood. When all around
my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.*

[Refrain]

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.*

[Verse 4]

*Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move; I rest upon unchanging love. I trust his right-
eous character, his counsel, promise, and his pow'r.*

[Refrain]

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.*

[Verse 5]

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, dressed in his
righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

[Refrain]

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is
sinking sand.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 7:24-27 (The Message)

24-25 "These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

26-27 "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."

MESSAGE "A Strong Foundation = A Strong Home"

Pastor Eddie Edmonds

*HYMN #311 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

[Verse 1]

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

*From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

[Verse 2]

*Elect from ev'ry nation yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.*

*One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

[Verse 3]

*Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,*

*yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

[Verse 4]

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,*

*till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are bless'd,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

[Verse 5]

*Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.*

*Oh, happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

***BENEDICTION**

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE “Our Refuge and Strength” (Callender)

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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 **June 7, 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” God told Abraham to head out for parts unknown. With little more than a promise, Abraham leaves everything behind. When God calls us, we must be prepared to be swept off to God knows where. Like Abraham, we may not have a map or a good set of directions, but faith means trusting God and moving forward through uncertainty. We are on a journey that can at the same time be scary and exciting. Let us join hearts and minds and spirits as we join with God as the road unfolds before us.

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 we welcome Pastor Eddie Edmonds to our congregation (behind the pulpit). He has been a part of the HCOB family for some time now. Please join us in extending a heartfelt welcome to Pastor Eddie and his family. We invite everyone to attend worship in the coming weeks and take the opportunity to personally greet Pastor Eddie, if you haven’t done so already. If you would like to schedule a meeting with Pastor Eddie, please call the church office. Let us continue to pray for God’s blessings, wisdom, and strength during this new journey together.

**Congratulations to
the Graduates,
Class of 2026!**

*Richard Stonebraker
Doctorate of Organiza-
tional Leadership*

*Aayushi Dangol-Wolfe
University of Washington
PhD in Human Computer
Interacgion*



Our thanks to Linda Baker for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Glenn and Mary Barnhart and son Michael Gearhart, given by Beverly Gearhart and Gloria Benner.

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 will be going to our Community Picnic.

The Service & Outreach Team is organizing our Community Picnic which will be held this 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 clothing 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.

Our Bread & Cup Communion will be held next Sunday, June 14th. All are welcome at the Lord’s table.

Children’s Day is Sunday, June 14th. The children will be participating in the church service in celebration.

Junior Church will be held next Sunday for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. We will gather in the Children’s Church Room (Room #203). (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

VBS—This year’s VBS will be held from June 15th through the 19th and our theme is Tropical Trek.

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".

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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.

Warm, sunny weather is here! We want to take this opportunity to remind you that in the warm weather many of the neighborhood children ride bikes, trikes, skateboards, and scooters, on our parking lot. They’re often low to the ground and moving fast so please be on the lookout for them when you visit the church. When on foot, please also be on the lookout for cars speeding through the parking lot to “beat the light” at the corner.

Annual Conference will be held June 28—July 2 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The theme this year is “Imagine!”. The June Tidings will include a statement from conference moderator Don Fitzkee.

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!

Our services are streamed through YouTube! If you have not done so already, subscribe to HCOB’s YouTube Channel and share it with others. You can do so by going to: www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 7

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School individual classrooms

10:20 am Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube

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1:00 pm Church picnic/Marty Snook Park Pavilion #4

Monday, June 8

Church office closed

Wednesday, June 10

Admin. Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, June 11

Pastor Eddie’s in office day/Call ahead to schedule an appointment

5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 12

8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, June 13

11:30 am Community Picnic/HCOB Parking Lot

Sunday, June 14

Bread & Cup Communion/Children’s Day/Junior Church

8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube

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