

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to those who helped with VBS – On Track with Jesus August 18
Just Be Kind! If you're missing a sign in your yard, you can get one at the church office.

Proceeds go to local mission through United Methodist Women.

Sunday School for all ages – September 12. Join us for breakfast at 9:15 a.m.

[Preregister your kids here.](#)

Summer Lunch Box - Volunteer to feed kids in our neighborhood during the summer.

Join us at Emmanuel UMC, Cumberland, Thursdays at 8 a.m.

Create beautiful embroidery with other creators! Meetings once a month. Only \$35 / month for lessons. Contact Dot Leasure for more details.

Check out our [NEW Facebook page](#) at LaVale United!

Questions? Call the church office (301) 722-6800.

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Hungering to Be Real

We gather today hungry to be real with genuine smiles and actions that match our hallelujahs. We are not content to just master the power handshake of strength. We want also to master the partner handshake of mutual respect and mutual support.

No more lip service; we want to be real!

We yearn to rise above culture and prejudice to a mindset where foreigners and strangers are not held in contempt and all are invited to God's table.

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PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you alone do wondrous things. Blessed be your glorious Name for ever; may your glory fill the whole earth.

O great and glorious God, your precepts are filled with mercy and justice. In every act you bless us with goodness. You call us to honor you, but we do so only with our lips.

Instead of worshipping you, we take the ways of this world and conform ourselves to them. We leave your commandments and hold fast to that which is most convenient.

Search our hearts and root out every evil thing which defiles us. Make us anew into your image that your love may once more call us away from death into your life.

We know that every good endowment and every perfect gift comes down from you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, bring us forth in your truth that we may be the first fruits by the hearing and doing of your Word.

You have called us to care for the widows and orphans and any in their affliction. Go with us as we bring your hopeful and healing grace to all those committed to our care.

May those in despair from any trouble or infirmity see the flowers of hope appear; may they enter into the time of singing their thanksgiving for your tender care.

O God, anoint us with the oil of gladness and lead us to the ivory palaces of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Timothy J. Crouch, OSL, Nancy B. Parks, OSL, Chris E. Visminas, Mark R. Babb, OSL, And Also With You: Worship Resources Based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year B, OSL Publications, 1993, 121.

*OPENING HYMN – Majesty

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

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SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7:1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

7:2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

7:3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;

7:4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

7:5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

7:6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

7:7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

7:8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

7:14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

7:15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

7:21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

7:22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

7:23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

SERMON – The Importance of Washing Your Hands, Pastor Frankie Revell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we stand before you today confessing that we have been slow to listen for the new directions that the Wind of your Spirit might be blowing. We have relaxed into the complacency of routine.

We have come to value skill at keeping our own rules more than we value hearing your plans for the day. O God, examine our hearts. Reveal our motives. Expose our intentions. Cleanse us. Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Turn our eyes toward you. Help us understand what you really want from your people and help us become the people that honor you and glorify your name.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! The Lord forgives our sins and renews our hearts. It is God alone who restores the joy of our salvation. Receive God's grace. Receive God's mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous, giving God; we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you rain down upon us. Your sunshine warms us, your earth feeds us, and your word nourishes us. More than these gifts of money, we give ourselves—our time and our energy—that we might be doers of your word and not just hearers only. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN – In His Time

Verse 1

In His time in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me ev'ry day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

Verse 2

In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

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*BENEDICTION (Please Rise)

As we become doers of the word and not merely hearers, we discover that it is “in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive” – surely evidence of “the implanted word that has the power to save our souls” – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE

*DISMISSAL