



*Every good gift and every perfect gift
is from above, coming down from the
Father of lights, with whom there is
no variation or shadow due to change.
James 1:17*

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The Service of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Please turn the sound off on your cell phone

September 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit

Spirit Song

Karen Bellarge

Words of Welcome and Announcements and Signing of Registration Pads (Donna Haehl) – *****Blessing of the Quilts** (Lois Shaffer)

***Call to Worship**

Donna Haehl

Leader Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

People **Come, let us worship God who loves us!**

Leader In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

People **Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!**

Leader Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

People **Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen!**

***Hymn**

[For the Beauty of the Earth](#)

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Opening Prayer (in unison)

Donna Haehl

Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor – the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

Special Music

Whispering Hope

Karen Bellarge

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Muteteke

Special Music

People Need the Lord

Karen Bellarge

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Donna Haehl

Gracious God, we bring these offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude, inspired by the beauty of your creation and the love that binds us. Just as the Song of Solomon celebrates love's arrival, we dedicate these gifts to further your kingdom with joy and patience. May they bring hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting your love for all. Help us to be stewards of your grace and love in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Song of Solomon 2:8-13)

***Doxology**

#95

***Hymn**[Take My Life, and Let It Be](#)

#399

Scripture[Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9](#)
[James 1: 17-27](#)**Special Music**

Jeff Thompson

Message

Wise Up!

Rev. Muteteke

The Great Thanksgiving

#9

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of the Bread and the Cup***Hymn**[Send Forth by God's Blessing](#)

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Benediction**Postlude**

Love Offering

With the unexpected passing of Pastor Ken and Kim McDonald's son, Jordan, on Friday, July 26th, many in the church family have inquired about ways in which the congregation can provide support to the McDonald Family during this difficult time. On behalf of Pastor Ken and his family, GBUMC will be accepting a Love Offering to help offset funeral expenses. If you feel so moved to share in a love offering, please designate your check to GBUMC and on the memo line note it as "Love Offering".

In addition, if you would like to express your thoughts and sympathy through cards and notes, the McDonald Family address is: 801 Louisiana Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502.

Welcome

BACK TO

Sunday
School

September 8th
10 am

Let's grow in
Christ
Together!

