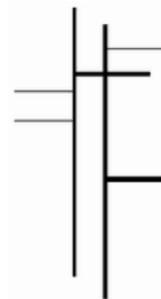


Blessing of the Backpacks: All students, educators, staff, and administrators are invited to bring their backpack, briefcase, water bottle, or lunch bag along to worship on Sunday, August 25th for a Blessing of the Backpacks (or school supply of some sort). This is a way the church community can surround you with love and offer you strength and courage for the new school year. If you have questions contact Michelle.

Adult Ed starting 9/8, 9:45 AM: A new year of Adult Ed is upon us! This fall we will be reading *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*. We will create a space to think and talk about the way the church can have a role in disrupting one of the more insidious distortions of Christian discipleship. Books will be available starting August 25 in the foyer at a pay-as-you-can rate, or can be purchased separately.



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Gathering for Worship

VT – *Voices Together* (purple hymnal)

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

We gather to worship you, the One committed to us through a love that never ends.

For the gift of reconciliation, we give thanks.

We gather to worship you, the One who continually seeks us by the Spirit.

For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

We bring to you the offerings of our commitment—thanks, praise, and awe are our gifts of love.

We gather to worship you: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us; the Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One. Amen.

Hymn: 114 – *Now Thank We All Our God*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 759 – *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading
Mark 7:24-30

Message: **Reconciliation Work**

Hymn: 644 – *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.

Praying Together

The Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering (*children can bring their offerings forward at this time*)

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 830 – *Go, My Children*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18;
Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Calendar

Aug. 25: Worship Service, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 1: Outdoor Church at HMC, 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 8: Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

LAR Jail Support Donations: Thank you for your continued support of LAR's outreach program. All of our donations to Jail Support were given out in July so we will need to replenish our supplies to them for August. Our donations will be delivered to the detention center on August 23. Please donate any of the following and put them in the marked bins in the foyer.

- Snacks in small packages
- Metro Cards with \$5-\$10 each (There is an urgent need for these)
- Shoelaces
- Toothpaste (small containers)/toothbrushes
- Small shampoos and deodorants
- Bars of soap

Volunteers needed for August 29 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (chili, cornbread, brownies) and provide fixings (shredded cheese, sour cream), fruit, and bottled water for the meal on Thursday, August 29 at the PG Plaza Day Center. We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal.

Church Retreat Registration: Get ready to experience the best (and tastiest) 24/7 snack table this side of the Mississippi at the HMC annual church retreat on Oct 4-6 at Shepherd's Spring Camp and Retreat Center, Sharpsburg Maryland. Remember to register by September 1 with the link in the listserv announcements. A retreat information and costs sheet is also available in the announcements and on the foyer table.