

# Richardson Park United Methodist Church

15th Sunday After Pentecost

## PRELUDE

Welcome and Greeting each other in Peace

\***OPENING HYMN:** "O How I Love Jesus"

UMH 170

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

**People: Sing of God's strength and might.**

Leader: Praise God with laughter and joy.

**People: Praise God with feasting and dance.**

Leader: For God protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

**People: God brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**

Leader: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

**People: Sing of God's strength and might.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, renew our minds with the power of your Holy Spirit. Cleanse our spirits with the mercy of your grace. Bring us into fellowship with one another and grant us courage to defend the lowly. Part the waters of our troubled thoughts, that we might see others as you see them. Protect us with your powerful hand, that we might sing of your faithfulness and dance to your glory. Amen.

**Call to Prayer:** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" vs. 1 only

UMH172

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** "Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** \*Matthew 18:21-35

**TODAY'S MESSAGE** "Forgiveness Flows From The Heart"

Rev. Carolyn Williams

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

\***CLOSING HYMN:** "My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368

**POSTLUDE:** Improvisation on *The Solid Rock*

Let us depart in joy and take Christ to all!

\*Please stand as you are able at these points in the service.

## Announcements & Events

**Book Club** – On Wednesday, September 9, we will meet at 7:00 pm on Zoom to discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. We had a very entertaining discussion. I think that this book was one of our favorites. On Wednesday, October 14, we will meet at 7:00 pm on Zoom to discuss "Small Great Things: A Novel Paperback" – By Jodi Picoult. Please join us for lively conversation and good fellowship. Coming attractions will include "The Things We Cannot Say", by Kelly Rimmer, "Moloka'I", by Alan Brennert and I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives Paperback" – by Martin Ganda. And we just got word that the second book in Rev. Robyn Brown's trilogy, "SAM. A Ghost Story" will be available in October. Rev. Brown's visit to RPUMC to discuss "Ben" was a book club highlight. While we would love to be together, our Zoom meeting has been a good alternative. It was a delight to see friends we had not seen in a while. If you like to read, a book a month is not too tough. And if you don't finish in time, just jump on with your friends for the chitchat that always follows discussion of the Book. Thank you. Paul

**Free Lunch** – Free Lunch program is continuing every Thursday 11:30AM to 12:30PM. We deliver a hot lunch in a take-out at the main door of the church. Each person also receives a bag of crackers, power bars, a bottle of water, cup of pudding, etc. Our group of dedicated volunteers work Wednesday morning preparing food and 'bags of blessings' to hand out on Thursday morning. BJ Wholesale Club has been giving us excess produce to distribute when they have it available. We are averaging about 50 meals a week. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. ~Joe

**Bible Study** – Starting Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm via Zoom join us as we learn and grow together reading *Life Lessons from James* by Max Lucado. **Description:** James, the half-brother of Jesus, wasn't impressed with talk. He knew that a life of faith was all about *actions* that revealed a difference in a person's life. For him, it was not that works *save* the Christian, but that they *mark* the Christian. In his letter, he boldly deals with practical issues of faith not bound by culture or place. He shows the importance of living a genuine life of faith. His message is bare-knuckled as he encourages, challenges, and confronts, offering practical words and admonitions to live out our faith. Books are available now in the Lounge.

**Grief Share** – COVID 19 has interrupted the way we do things in the church, but it has no power to interrupt how we are called to be the Church. Believe it or not, through the church God can use COVID for good. One of the ways I see this manifesting is the door God opened for Richardson Park UMC to partner with another church and provide a much needed ministry. "*Grief Share*," will be offered online this fall. Richardson Park UMC is partnering with Mt. Pisgah UMC on the Easton District to offer a group. *Grief Share* is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Our online group will **begin on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. You must register for this group. It's easy. Just follow the following instructions. Go to: [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org). You will see a box on the lower left hand of the screen which says, "**Find A Group.**" Enter **zip code 21620**. **Scroll down the page until you see "Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, Chestertown, MD and click on this link. Go to the bottom of the page. On the left lower corner you will see "register for this group." Type in the info needed and you will receive a confirmation email to let you know you have been registered. If you have any questions or have trouble registering please call the office of Richardson Park UMC (302) 654-0961 to speak with Pastor Carolyn or Jennifer Christy from Mt. Pisgah UMC (410)810-0110.**

## What's Happening

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6 AM-10 PM – VOTE CENTER, PRIMARY, DEPT. OF

ELECTIONS – FH

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:30 AM – WORSHIP AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH



Dave Rice, Joan Stadelman, Barbara Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Joe Tucker, Jerry Toy, Charlene Workman, Jerry and Mike Paoli and families, Colleen, Randy, Olivia and Gillian Ide, Gregg, Joy and Abbi Ide, Shirley Davis, Beca Baird, James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Becky Heatwole and Niko, Allie Heatwole, Al, Liz Heatwole, John Sagrati Sr., homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short, Kim and baby Dakota, Jessica Etter and family, Felicia Etter and family, Ed Ide, Julia Lynch, Crozier family, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dianna Deaton and family, Nancy Corrigan, Shirley Delpizzo, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes, Rev. Carolyn, Joan, Rose, Carol, Maverick Zane and parents Ashley and Jim, Cathell family, Norvell family, Sisk family, Krys and Mario, Gus Puelo and Carol, Donna G., Pat and Frank Pugh, Bill and Mary Lou Boyce, Jerry Toy, Our Church, Juan Rodriguez, Madison Stewart, Passion Andrews, Quadaire Sadler

**Richardson Park United Methodist Church**  
*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry*

*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ*

And He said to them,  
 “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”  
*Mark 16:15 NRSV*



<u>SERVING TODAY</u>	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	9/6/20	32
GREETER: NEAL DAVIS	LIVE ENGAGEMENT AM WORSHIP		66 VIEWS
	SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>CHILDREN ONLINE ONLY</b>	ENGAGEMENT	16
	CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	9/6/20	4
	LIVE ENGAGEMENT PM WORSHIP		58 VIEWS

*About RPUM Church*

The first services were held under a large tree in 1907 at the corner of Belmont Avenue and DuPont Road. The first church building was completed in 1908 at Glenrich Avenue and Eureka Street. The church relocated to its current location in 1926, and the present sanctuary was built in 1950. Richardson Park United Methodist Church has had a long and distinguished ministry in the community dedicated to producing fruit that is pleasing to the Lord. This tradition continues today.

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*Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service*

*September 13, 2020*