



# Welcome to Worship at Severna Park UMC

January 16, 2022 at 10:30am

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**Prelude** *You'll Come (Hillsong)*

**Welcome** Rev. Narae Kim

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

**People: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus is.**

L: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

**P: We come to follow Jesus.**

L: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

**P: Open us up, God, so that we may come, see and believe.**

**Opening Hymn** *God Is Here*

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

## Morning Prayer

**Song** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!  
Open my ears that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!  
Open my mouth and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## Offering

**Song** *We Believe in God (Amy Grant)*

We believe in God and we all need Jesus  
'Cause life is hard and it might not get easier  
Don't be afraid to know who you are  
And don't be afraid to show it  
If you believe in God  
If you say you need Jesus  
He'll be where you are  
And he never will leave you  
Sing to me now words that are true  
So all in this place will know it

We believe in God and we all need Jesus  
We believe in God and we all need Jesus  
We believe in God and we all need Jesus  
Don't be afraid to know who you are  
And don't be afraid to show it  
We believe in God and we all need Jesus  
We believe in God and we all need Jesus  
We believe in God and we all need Jesus

**Scripture** John 1:35-51 Joanna Kouvaras

**Sermon** "Believe" Rev. Ron Foster

**Affirmation of Faith** "A New Creed" *The United Church of Canada*

**Closing Song** *Manifesto (The City Harmonic)*

We believe in the one true God  
We believe in Father, Spirit, Son  
We believe that good has won  
And all of the people of God sing along  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.  
We are free, He died and lives again  
We will be a people freed from sin  
We'll be free, a kingdom with no end  
And all of the people of God sing along  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, yeah.

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 our daily bread and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who have  
trespassed against us.  
Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, power,  
and the glory forever.  
We're singing Amen, amen.  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen, yeah.

## Announcements & Blessing

### Postlude

### Our Weekly Prayer List

*Stephanie and her children, The Young family, Darlene Deavers, Fred & Doris Vose, Miles Shields, Karen, Chuck & Austin Boemmel, Paul, Mike & family, Family of Lee Sexton, Family of Priscilla Turvold, Charlene Syms, Nephew of Mike & Jeanne Allen, Mark McDermott, Bobby Geissler, Laura Rafferty, Kathie Kamm, Deb, Bill Gerolstein, Max, Joyce Howsare, Debra Meekins, Connie, Andy & family, Sheila & Mike Mills, Healthcare providers, Denny Raup, Johnny Daniel, Lib Hammersla, Riley, Mary Ellen Loock, Michael Langley, Alex Langley, Robby Young, Cathy, Stephanie Weiss.*

## Announcements

**Welcome!** We're happy to be worshipping together with you this morning. *We especially welcome any GUESTS* who are with us. Let us know you are here by filling out an *online welcome form*. We'd love to get to know you better!

**We're Taking a "Covid Pause:"** Due to the exponential surge in covid-19 cases and the dangerously high level of hospitalizations, we are taking a pause from in-person worship to be good neighbors to one another, to the broader community and to our healthcare workers in particular. We encourage you to continue to worship with us on **Sundays at 10:30am** online via YouTube (*better viewing experience for most*) or Facebook (*more interactive*). *We will re-evaluate conditions weekly*. Our hope is that this will be short-term (maybe through January?) and that we will be back together in-person soon when it is safe to do so. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding. Stay safe and be well! [severnaparkumc.org](http://severnaparkumc.org)

**Ted Lasso Comes to Church:** Today we begin a new 3-week sermon series, *The Gospel According to Ted Lasso*. Worship with us and find out what this fictional, transplanted American football coach might have to teach us about believing, belonging and becoming our best God-given selves.

**UMYF meets tonight at 7pm** on Zoom for a program, game, and giveaway! The Zoom link is available on the Events page.

**Super 6<sup>th</sup>** has been cancelled for the month of January. We will resume in person as soon as it is safe.

**Confirmation Class Orientation** is this **Tuesday, January 18 at 7pm** by Zoom. To find the link, go to the website: [www.severnaparkumc.org/events](http://www.severnaparkumc.org/events), then go to Tuesday and scroll till you see Confirmation Orientation. Click on that link to join us. Confirmation classes are for youth in grades 7 and 8. Interested senior highs should contact Rev. Lee directly. [lferrell@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:lferrell@severnaparkumc.org)

**Our Sacred Worth Group** will meet for the first time in 2022 this **Tuesday, January 18 at 7pm** via Zoom. The group is open to all and is especially designed to be a safe place of conversation and support for LGBTQI+ members & friends, family members, allies and others interested in building a more inclusive church. [www.severnaparkumc.org/events](http://www.severnaparkumc.org/events)

**Sunday School Home Kits** for the month of January have been mailed out. If you haven't received one yet and want one for your children, let Erica know. Resources are also available at [www.severnaparkumc.org/sparkfamily](http://www.severnaparkumc.org/sparkfamily).

**Baptism Class:** If you want to have a child baptized at SPUMC in the coming months, you are asked to attend a one-time class with one of our pastors. Join us next **Sunday, January 23 at 9am** on Zoom. This is a change from the originally posted time. RSVP to Beth. [bfrank@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:bfrank@severnaparkumc.org)

**Nursery School Registration:** Registration applications for the new school year are now being accepted. For more information, visit the website or call Heidi or Robin in the school office. 410-987-8339 or [severnaparkumc.org/nursery-school](http://severnaparkumc.org/nursery-school)

**Adults Loving Life (ALL):** Our next luncheon originally scheduled for January 26 at Noon **has been canceled**. See you next month! If you have any questions, please contact Lou and Kathie Kamm. 410-647-5914

## Announcements II

**Godspeed, Ryan!** After 6 ½ years serving as our Communications Director, *Ryan Hennesy* has accepted an offer to be a full-time graphic artist (his first love!) for Howard County – our loss, their gain. The staff sent him out with a farewell lunch, some gifts and lots of love and gratitude this past week. You can share your appreciation for all that Ryan brought to our church by sending him an email ([rhennesy@gmail.com](mailto:rhennesy@gmail.com)) or a note in the mail. Contact the church office and we'll be happy to share his home address with you. [bfrank@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:bfrank@severnaparkumc.org)

**We Are Just Beginning a Search for a New Communications Director.** If you have interest in the position or know someone who might be a good fit for our church and staff, please let us know. In the interim, *we are in need of a few volunteers* to help with pieces of the CD's portfolio (website updates, tech team support on Sundays, word processing, etc.). Contact Rev. Ron for more information or to volunteer your talents. Thanks. [ron@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:ron@severnaparkumc.org)

**Great News on the Tech Front:** After months of supply chain delays, our new projectors and screens were installed in the Sanctuary earlier this month and the difference is amazing! Imagine what your 2003 TV would look like next to your current HD Smart TV and you get the picture (pun intended!). This is part of the ongoing AV/Livestream Upgrade project which is quietly making great progress. If you want to make a directed donation over and above your regular offering to help with the improvements planned for 2022, you can give by check (mark AV in the memo section) or online. Many thanks to those who already have given and those who will! [severnaparkumc.org/give](http://severnaparkumc.org/give)

**The Faith & Race Group** will resume meeting online the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of this month, **January 25 at 7pm** to discuss excerpts from the book, *The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race*. This collection of essays and poems curated by Jesmyn Ward, has been described as *"a stirring anthology that takes more cues from James Baldwin than just its title."* Copies are available at the Welcome Desk or electronically by contacting Rev. Ron. [ron@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:ron@severnaparkumc.org)

**The BWC United Methodist Men** plan to distribute 40,000 pounds of Maine potatoes to low-income communities in Glen Burnie and Severn and to charitable organizations for their own distribution, on **Saturday February 5th, 7-9am**. Our own UMM group will be part of this effort at Glen Burnie UMC helping to repack and deliver bags of potatoes. If you want to be part of this (including offering a pickup truck if you can), please contact Reid Reininger by text, phone or email. 410-979-5801 or [reidr@aol.com](mailto:reidr@aol.com)

**The Morning Prayer Group (MPG)** meets on Zoom every Wednesday at 8am and is open to all. You can join us once, every week, or whenever you need the help, prayers or support of others. You can find the Zoom link on the SPUMC website on the Events page. For more information, please contact Chip Graber. [www.severnaparkumc.org/events](http://www.severnaparkumc.org/events) [fourgraber@verizon.net](mailto:fourgraber@verizon.net)

**The Church Office** will be closed **Monday, January 17** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**ENews:** To sign up for our weekly eNews, visit [severnaparkumc.org/enews](http://severnaparkumc.org/enews).

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