



# Welcome to Worship at Severna Park UMC

January 23, 2022 at 10:30am

**Prelude** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Nicola Patterson  
Keith Craig

**Welcome** Rev. Narae Kim

## Call to Worship

Leader: Let this be the welcoming place, the place of return

**People: And let it be built by a love that bends towards those who return here.**

L: For it is a love that has been waiting like a candle in the window,

**P: Ever lighting the way back and never willing to let go.**

L: Let this be the place where the only appropriate response

is to kill the fatted calf, feast and celebrate,

**P: Send up balloons, and prepare the party,**

L: For that which has been lost has come home once more.

**P: Let this be the welcoming place for all God's children!**

## Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to  
stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters

I call thee to go,

the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

## Morning Prayer

### Song *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where's there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**Offering** Text: GIVE to 855-603-8993  
Visit: [severnaparkumc.org/give](http://severnaparkumc.org/give)

### Song *O Come to the Altar (Elevation Worship)* Meg Moore & Team

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait

Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes, a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Oh, what a Savior Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him For He is Lord of all  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you found

**Scripture** Luke 15:11-24 Kris Zyla

**Sermon** "Be a Goldfish" Rev. Ron Foster

### Closing Song *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime  
and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Announcements & Blessing

**Postlude** *Humoresque "L'Organo Primitivo"* (Pietro Yon)

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## Announcements

**Welcome!** We're happy to be worshiping 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!

**"Covid Pause" Nears End!** We have been taking a pause this month with in-person worship to be good neighbors to one another and to our health care workers. With the Covid numbers coming back down sharply, **we will be back together in-person in the Sanctuary next Sunday, January 30.** We will resume our 8am, 9am and 10:30am services that day and continue our Livestream at 10:30am. We'll need to remain vigilant at masking up properly (*over the nose and mouth*) and we urge you to stay home if you are sick or unvaccinated for your own safety and the health and safety of others. Can't wait to see you again!

**Ted Lasso Is Back!** Today we enter the second week of our 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. Last week we looked at similarities between the way that Jesus called his disciples and the way Ted Lasso tries to get his team to **believe** in themselves and one another. This morning, we are exploring the story of the Prodigal Son and the power of forgiveness and letting go. Or in the words of Ted Lasso, **Be a Goldfish.**

**UMYF** meets **tonight** at 7:00pm by Zoom for a game and program. **ICU groups** will begin tonight, as well. (Go to Sunday on the Events page and click the MYF link). [severnaparkumc.org/events](#)

**The Faith & Race Group** will meet online this **Tuesday, 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 on the website. [ron@severnaparkumc.org/faith-race](#)

**Adults Loving Life (ALL):** Our luncheon scheduled for Wednesday January 26 has been canceled. See you next month! Contact Lou and Kathie Kamm with questions. 410-647-5914

**The UMW is holding a School Supply Drive** for Park & Brooklyn Park Elementary Schools, our Backpack Buddies partners. We are collecting *paper towels, pencils, crayons, tissues, zip bags (quart & half gallon), colored pencils, whiteboard markers, sketch pads and glue sticks*. Drop items in the bin on our front porch by **February 1**. [verasummers@verizon.net](#)

**Moms Connect** will gather **February 3** at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Moms of babies through school aged kids are welcome. Childcare is provided. [ebenjamin@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. To help (including offering a pickup truck if you can), contact Reid Reininger. 410-979-5801 or [reidr@aol.com](#)

**Scout Sunday is February 6.** All scouts are encouraged to come to church in uniform that Sunday. Scouts are invited to help as ushers and greeters for all services. Show up and we'll put you to work!

## Announcements II

**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](#)

**Confirmation Class Begins:** Any youth in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us in our Confirmation Classes! Class will begin **February 1 at 4:30pm**, hopefully in person. Senior high youth wanting to be confirmed will meet several Sunday mornings. Contact Rev. Lee for info. [lferrell@severnaparkumc.org](#)

**Coming Next Month: Souper Bowl of Caring!** On **February 13**, our youth will be raising funds for, and awareness about, hunger needs in our community. More details to follow.

**Great News on the Tech Front:** After months of supply chain delays, our new projectors and screens were installed in the Sanctuary, 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 our 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](#)

**Godspeed, Ryan!** After 6 ½ years serving as our Communications Director, *Ryan Hennesy* has just started a new job as a full-time graphic artist (his first love!) for Howard County. Recently, the staff sent him out with a farewell lunch, some gifts and lots of love and gratitude. You can *share your appreciation for Ryan* by sending him an email ([rhennesy@gmail.com](#)) or a note in the mail. Contact the church office for his address. [bfrank@severnaparkumc.org](#)

**Getting the Word Out:** If you have information you'd like added to our bulletin, eNews, or Octagon, please send your requests to: [communications@severnaparkumc.org](#). Thanks!

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

**SUPER 6th** should resume **February 20**. Information will be sent to each home to confirm this.

## Our Weekly Prayer List

*Mary Ann Bell, Karen & Mike Heverly & family, Roger Horn, Rowan Brought, Brenda Thompson, Jennifer & John Miller & family, Rose Mary, Bobby Geissler, Kristine, John & Kiera Seargeant, Niece of Judy Plymyer & family, Marlene & family, Nicole, Ron & Beth Robinson, Tiara Bixler, Drew & Natalie, David & family, Tom Fosler, Rick Kennedy, Charlene Syms, Tess Richards, Mike Wise & family, Nephew of Jeanne & Mike Allen, Mark McDermott, Laura Rafferty, Easter & family, Family of Priscilla Turvold, Mary Ellen Loock, Michael Langley, Alex Langley, Robby Young, Cathy, Stephanie Weiss.*

**Sympathy Prayers** for Jennifer & John Miller and family on the death of her father, *Jim Hemler*; and to Karen & Mike Heverly and family on the death of her father, *Richard "Dick" Bell*.

**Congratulations and God's Blessing** on *Drew Hall and Natalie Crain* on their marriage on Saturday, January 22.