**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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*Chestnut Hill*

***United Methodist Church***



*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

*You are welcome at Chestnut Hill UMC.*

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10:30 a.m. ~ May 21, 2023 ~ Ascension Sunday

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

Greeting

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

**Your faithfulness to the skies.**

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

**Your justice like the great deep.**

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

**How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!**

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**We celebrate your incredible love today.** *Written by Austin D. Hill*

Singing Our Faith **# 64** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

\*Opening Prayer

**We come in our smallness, trusting that your love will continue to grow in our lives. We come to praise you God, the giver of all good things. Fill our hearts with your love**

**so that it would overflow through us to all your people. Amen**

Special Music *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* (Postludes-Lloyd Larson)

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination Frances Unruh

**Guiding God, send your holy Spirit upon the reading of the word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into the presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:43-48 Frances Unruh

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 400** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

The Good News

***“Meeting Jesus means getting closer to the people***

***God created and Loving all of them”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **413** *“A Charge to Keep I Have”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

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