

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2024

MEDITATION

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." — Harriet Tubman

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit (seated) *Jesus, Name Above All Names* #2071

*Call to Worship (**please stand as you are able*)

One: We commit. To a spouse, a job, to parenting, a more environmentally responsible way of living, to a church. We commit to our priorities – to what is most important,

All: Then live out that commitment in our day to day.

One: We gather this day, in this place, with these people, and with our God to name and celebrate our commitments.

All: To offer each other support and encouragement on the way, and to anticipate together,

One: Not our arrival at some destination,

All: But the transformation that is a part of the way.

*Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* #548

Song: Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

Unison Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (seated)

May we, gathered here in this place at this time, know ourselves to be your children. May we live into that blessed assurance ever more fully, ever more completely. May we claim this amazing affirmation. May we know that the more we rely on it, the more fully it serves as both a reminder and a

celebration. **May we know that we can face anything. Be with us this morning as we pray together: *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.***

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scriptures

Psalm 35:3-7

Mark 7:31-37

Reflection

Be Opened

Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude (seated)

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology

#95

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We bring to you, our God, tangible expressions of our commitment to you. Receive and bless what we are able to give. In your consistency, may we find our inspiration; in your generosity, our gratitude; in your commitment, our assurance; in your grace, our wonder; and in your love, our home. Amen.

*Hymn

Bring Many Names

#2047

Benediction (seated)

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall after the service

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor

Sean McMahon, Music Minister