

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024

MEDITATION

*“Take the first step in faith.
You don’t have to see the whole staircase,
just take the first step.”—Martin Luther King Jr.*

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Centering Quiet
Introit (seated) *Let it Breathe on Me (x2)* #503

*Call to Worship (**please stand as you are able*)
One: The God of New Beginnings call us to this place.
**All: We come celebrating the new life that is ours
as God’s faithful people.**
One: Let our joy ring through the universe, and let our
vision see to the depths of every soul.
**All: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God’s
light wherever we go.**
One: Praise God for this and every day!
All: Great is your faithfulness. Amen.

*Hymn *Your Love, O God* #647

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)
**Lord Jesus, you are always full of mercy. Through your
healing acts, you made your love known to us. You reached
across boundaries and reached out to those who were
desperate. Help us to come to you in our need, to reach out to
you in our pain. Also, help us to bring hurting, desperate
people to you so that they might also be blessed by your love.
Open our ears, remove our impediments, help us speak and**

**feed us as children of God. Be with us this morning as we
pray together:** *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

Scripture Psalm 46 (responsive p. 780)
Mark 9:30-37
Reflection First in Caring Rev. Dr. Wright
Interlude (seated) *I Believe*** Miller
Pastoral and Silent Prayer
Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering
*Doxology #95
*Unison Prayer of Dedication
**Heavenly Provider, we give you thanks and praise for
your vigilance over the lives of your people. Your gift of life
eternal prompts us to be grateful in our prayers and generous
in our giving. Our hearts abound in thankful-ness and our
lives reflect your goodness. Use your powers to instill in us
the need to give. Amen.**

*Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #521

Benediction (seated)

Postlude *Love is My True Family* McMahon

**Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee
in the Parish Hall after the service**
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor
Sean McMahon, Music Minister

Love is My True Family by Sean McMahon

I am of the nation founded in heav'n
On the day the first Light came to be
Obscured in the darkness and overgrown by weeds
Buried in the clay of Adam's heavy sleep

Within me is a treasure, the most precious jewel
And for her sake, I'm clothed with light,
Anointed with the dew falling from the Tabor Mount,
And given Gihon's drink springing from the side of Christ
(Refrain) I am the child of God Most High
My Brother is the King of Kings
My Mother is the Wisdom weaving all the worlds together
Love is my true family

O Love I am your slave, for your truth has set me free
There's nothing I won't gain if I give;
For trials I give thanks, for enemies I pray
For you, O Love, I've died, so that I may truly live
(Refrain)

O blessed banquet! Sacred mystery!
Here below, I bear the one above
For in my heart of hearts now lives the Lord of Lords
That He might reveal through me that our God is Love
(Refrain)

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