



Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost: August 30, 2020

PRAYER: Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we may persevere in running the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 27 (Response: *Thanks be to God.*)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 13:5-8 (Response: *Thanks be to God.*)

Gospel Reading: John 6:57-69 (Responses: *Glory to You, Lord Christ. ... Praise to You, Lord Christ.*)

Sermon: Our Encouragement: Cloud of Witnesses · Vivian Hayes

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

“RUN THE RACE TO WIN”: To learn more about our continuing sermon series, see page 4 of this bulletin, or visit www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/run-the-race-to-win. You can also find the “Prayer to Become Like Christ” on page 5 of the bulletin, or online at www.churchofthemessiah.org/prayer-to-become-like-Christ.

PARISH-WIDE PRAYER MEETINGS continue Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Enter meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app or go to <https://zoom.us/j/92823721136>.

JOYFUL NOISE CLUB CONTINUES TO ZOOM! Join the fun every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meeting info will be sent before each meeting, or contact Wendy O'Rourke.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME WORSHIP IN-PERSON! No reservations are required, just come and worship! Safety protocols are in place, such as social distancing, wearing masks, and no personal contact.

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP continues on Facebook at facebook.com/churchofthemessiahchesapeake. Those not on Facebook can view current and past services online at ChurchoftheMessiah.org/livestream.

TITHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS can be mailed to the church at 816 Kempsville Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23320. Secure gifts can be made online at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/donations.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY starts September 10 online! All CBS classes will study the Book of John this year. Learn about our local classes: the women's Thursday morning class (<https://chesapeake.cbsclass.org>) or the Thursday evening co-ed class (virginiabeacheve.cbsclass.org).



GIRLFRIENDS' VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK: We had so much fun on the recent Zoom call that we're doing it again September 19 at 10 am! Save the date!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES: Two prayer events are happening simultaneously on the National Mall in Washington D.C. on Saturday, September 26. Please see Pastor Marty's letter on page 3 to learn about these events.



CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS:

If you've recently started attending Messiah or haven't attended a Connections Class, a 5-week session begins the week of September 20 via Zoom. Classes are twice weekly; days and times will be based on participants' availability. Topics will include how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. To join, contact the church at 757-436-2545 or [Messiah@ChurchoftheMessiah.org](mailto: Messiah@ChurchoftheMessiah.org).

AN AFFORDABLE CAR IS NEEDED by Messiah member Andrew James. If you or someone you know has one, please call the church at 757-436-2545 or email messiah@churchofthemessiah.org.



“QUEEN ESTHER” PRODUCTION BY SIGHT & SOUND will be broadcast live on September 4 at 7 pm. For details about this magnificent production, [click here](#).



CONNECT WITH US! If this is your first visit with us, or you would just like more information about us or the Christian faith, please fill out our digital connection card. We'd love the opportunity to welcome you personally, pray for you, and answer any questions you may have. [Click here](#) to get connected with the Messiah family!

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF JOHN MILEO, who passed away on August 18. A viewing was held last Tuesday, with burial in New York. Please keep Yuko Mileo and all John's family in prayer.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 30: Suzanne Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 30: Rickee & Tom Dozier
September 1: Nadeen & Louis Frazier
September 4: Cherry & Ron Jenson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

Healing for our nation and an end to racism
Protection from Covid-19

Our healthcare workers: Dr. Erin Dooley, Nadine Frazier, Dr. Christian Markham, Ben Stern, Kaylee Stern, Mary Stern, Dr. Kelly Stern, Jessica Taylor, Dr. Anthony Wanyoro

Church property decision,
Carroll Reynolds, Carol Bornman, Joanne Falk, the family of John Mileo, Anne Polli & son Freddie, John Dooley, Priscilla Oster, Viola McKinlay, Rickee Dozier,
all of our members of the military, and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
David & Betsy, Turkey

Carmen Linder, His Love in Action School for the Deaf, Honduras

Robert Walter, Leadersource, serving East Asia, South Asia, Middle East

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Please pray for the following churches this week:

Church of the Redeemer, Camden, NC
Church of the Resurrection, Lutherville, MD

PRAYER REQUESTS:

We believe God answers prayer! If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your special need, please submit a confidential Prayer Request online at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact. Please indicate if you would like your prayer request included in the bulletin, sent only to the prayer team, or both.



LEARN ABOUT US ONLINE!

Want to know more about Messiah? Explore our website at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org. Find out about who we are, how we worship, and what we're doing. The website also includes

- Scripture and prayer resources
- Community & social resources
- Links to our Anglican Diocese and Province
- Online prayer request
- And more!



USEFUL LINKS

DONATIONS:

www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/donations

LIVESTREAM SERVICES—SUNDAYS @ 10 AM:

www.churchofthemessiah.org/livestream

AUDIO SERMONS:

www.churchofthemessiah.org/sermons-cwag

UPCOMING EVENTS:

www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/upcoming-events

CHURCH CALENDAR:

www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/calendar

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Messiah Family,

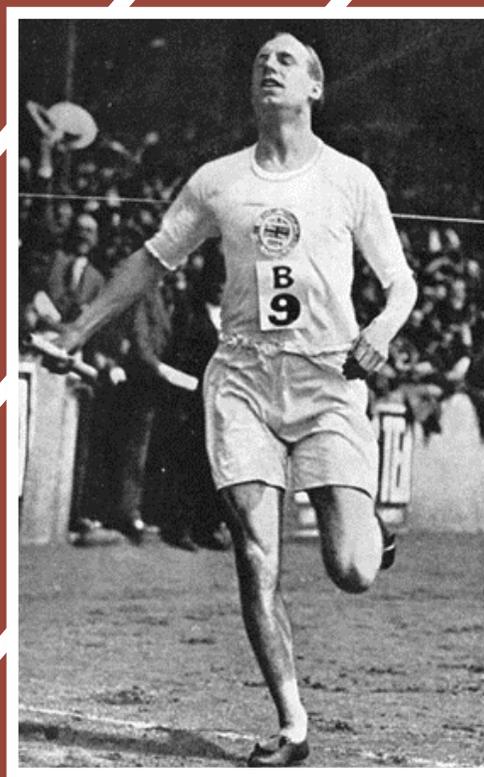
There are two prayer events that are happening simultaneously up on the National Mall in Washington D.C. on Saturday, September 26, 2020. The first is being led by Franklin Graham, who is asking attendees to convene at noon for a two-hour march along the 1.8-mile route from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol building, stopping along the way for a series of prayers in the name of Jesus for the nation and its leaders. "Our communities are hurting, our people are divided and there's fear and uncertainty all around us," said Franklin Graham. "Let's join together and do the most important thing, and that is to pray. We're going to pray that God will intervene and save this nation."

The second is called "The Return" which "is a call to return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in prayer, and repentance." The Return will reach beyond the borders of America and gather all nations for a Global Day of Prayer and Repentance. For those who wish to experience this solemn assembly in person, The Return will hold a live event on the National Mall in Washington D.C. on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are looking into simulcasting the event at Messiah that day. The Return is calling people to start praying and fasting on the Feast of Trumpets and ending on the Day of Atonement, (September 18-28) known as the Days of Repentance.

If anyone is interested in attending the events up in Washington, Church of the Messiah will be glad to send you there as our representative.

In Christ,

Pastor Marty



RUN THE RACE TO WIN

Sermon Series | Summer-Fall 2020

- 7/26 **Our Course: Run the Race to Win**
- 8/2 **Our Commitment: Finish the Race**
- 8/9 **Our Training: Throw Hindrances Aside**
- 8/16 **Our Team: Not Running Alone**
- 8/23 **Our Attitude: Run With Perseverance**
- 8/30 **Our Encouragement: Cloud of Witnesses**
- 9/6 **Our Commitment: Get Back Up**
- 9/13 **Our Endurance: Overcoming Injury**
- 9/20 **Our Focus: Victory In Christ**

How do we run the race of life in the midst of a pandemic? And what does winning look like?

Prayer to Become Like Christ

We praise You, Almighty God,
for You are rich in mercy.

When we were dead in our sin,
You made us alive in Christ.

Because of Your great love,
You desire to conform us into the
likeness of your Son Jesus.

Thank You for Your Holy Spirit,
who is transforming us to have the
same attitude and mind as Christ.

Help us to love the way He loves;
to humble ourselves as He humbled Himself;
and to trust and obey as Christ did in all things.

Enable us to see people the way He does;
to confront hypocrisy as He did;

and to freely forgive just as Christ forgives us.

Guard us from quenching Your work in our lives,
and help us stay in step with the Holy Spirit each day.

May we be ever changing into the likeness of Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.