



## **Worship Bulletin and Herndon UMC News September 8, 2024**

If you are new to Herndon UMC, welcome! We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Please introduce yourself to any staff member or say hello in an email to **welcome@herndonumc.org**.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES FAIR AFTER WORSHIP. Take the passport and visit the fair tables in Doe Fellowship Hall. Learn more about Herndon UMC groups and share your passions with them. Wish Luis well as he departs for Leesburg Presbyterian Church. There will be coffee and special treats available down in Doe Fellowship Hall.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY, Herndon UMC's newest group, is seeking input from our community to help identify the social justice topics of greatest interest. Please visit their table at the Fair, fill out a quick survey, and pick up a favor. The survey is also available online through 9/15 at **bit.ly/SAMsurvey**. Please encourage friends and family to participate.

NEW MEMBER AND DISCOVER HERNDON SUNDAY, 9/8. Learn more about Herndon UMC at Noon at Egg Carne. Email **welcome@herndonumc.org**.

SIX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CLOSET, 9/10. The Closet gives so much back to our community while offering a valuable service to those in need. As a partner church, we help make that happen. Sign up in the app, online at **bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds**, on the clipboards, or contact Bill & Betty Arey, **thecloset@herndonumc.org**.

PATHFINDERS STUDY BEGINS A NEW SEASON ON 9/15. This class is co-led by the pastors and meets on Sunday mornings after 10 am worship

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from 11:15am – 12pm in room 115/116 and hybrid (Zoom). The group will begin this fall with *Context*, a study by Josh Scott. *Context* looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Join us as we explore the true meaning of these verses and how this knowledge helps us in our daily lives. All are welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Pam Bentley at [pam@herndonumc.org](mailto:pam@herndonumc.org).

UPWARD REGISTRATION OPENS next Sunday 9/15.

THE NEXT WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP DINNER will be on 9/18. The dinner will be similar to the first Temporary Overflow Shelter (TOS) dinner later in the month. Donations will go to support TOS and Hypothermia Dinners. Come share in a short worship service, dinner, and fellowship together at 6pm in Doe Fellowship Hall.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT. Led by Rev. Dawn Stewart and Melissa Chavez, women will reflect on Psalm 17:6 and the theme of "Talking with God." The retreat will be held at the Claggett Center on 10/11-12. Registration is limited and will close on 9/24. Learn more and sign up at [bit.ly/womensfallretreat2024](https://bit.ly/womensfallretreat2024).

GOOD NEWS STUDY – Adult Bible study at 9-9:45am on Sundays. The group is studying Matthew. For info, email [goodnews@herndonumc.org](mailto:goodnews@herndonumc.org).

WESLEY CHOIR PRACTICES WEDNESDAYS at 7 PM. All vocal types and levels of experience are welcome. Contact Melissa Chavez, [melissa@herndonumc.org](mailto:melissa@herndonumc.org) for more information.

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Worship—8 AM

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements** | Melissa Chavez

**Opening Song** | *Jesus, United By Thy Grace* | UMH 561 | led by Melissa Chavez

[V. 1] **Jesus, united by thy grace  
and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek thy face  
and know our prayer is heard.**

[V. 2] **Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let all their friendly aid afford,  
and feel each other's care.**

[V. 3] **Up unto thee, our living Head,  
let us in all things grow;  
till thou hast made us free indeed  
and spotless here below.**

[V. 4] **Touched by the lodestone of thy love,  
let all our hearts agree,  
and ever toward each other move,  
and ever move toward thee.**

**Scripture** | Acts 15:36-41 NRSVUE

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Come, let us return and visit the brothers and sisters in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them

one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the brothers and sisters commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Offering** | *By Our Love* | UMH 318 | led by Melissa Chavez

**[V.1] Brothers let us come together**

**Walking in the Spirit**

**There's much to be done**

**We will come reaching**

**Out from our comforts**

**And they will know us by our love**

**[V.2] Sisters we were made for kindness**

**We can pierce the darkness**

**As He shines through us**

**We will come reaching**

**With a song of healing**

**And they will know us by our love**

**[Chorus] The time is now**

**Come church arise**

**Love with His hands**

**See with His eyes**

**Bind it around you**

**Let it never leave you**

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**And they will know us by our love**

**[V.3] Children you are hope for justice**

**Stand firm in the Truth now**

**Set your hearts above**

**You will be reaching**

**Long after we're gone**

**And they will know you by your love**

**Prayer** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Closing Song** | *Bind Us Together* | FWS 2226 | Melissa Chavez and Luis Gonzalez

**Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken  
Bind us Together Lord  
Bind us together  
Bind us together with love**

**There is only God  
There is only one King  
There is only one body  
This is why we sing**

**Bind us together Lord  
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**Benediction** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

## Worship—10 AM

**Gathering Music** | *Amazing Grace* | Arranged by J. Schrader | played by Luis Gonzalez

**Welcome & Announcements** | Melissa Chavez

**Call to Worship** | Melissa Chavez

[One] At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

**[All] Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kingdom of God is revealed.**

[One] At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness is set for all.

**[All] Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kingdom of God is revealed.**

[One] At God's table of life, all people know peace.

**[All] God's peace unites us. Here in our very midst the kingdom of God is revealed.**

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**Opening Prayer** | from *Liturgies from Below* | collected by Claudio  
Carvalhaes | Melissa Chavez

**God of Love, we need you now.  
Teach us to love those we have learned to hate.  
Teach us to pray for our enemies,  
to love you, even in those we despise.**

**God of Peace, we need you now.  
Teach us how to reconcile.**

**God of Joy, we need you now!  
Receive our burdens, they are many.  
Lift our spirits, they are weighed down.**

**God of Life, we need you now.  
Grant us grace where shame restricts us.  
Grant us life where pain takes hold.  
Grant us wisdom when we would settle for easy answers.  
Grant us love, rooted in the eternal, the living, in you!**

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**God bless us as we gather, in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** | Melissa Chavez

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**Message** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Invitation to Giving** | Rev. Pam Bentley

**Offertory** | *Ancient Words* | Craig Courtney | selected by Luis Gonzalez | Wesley Choir; Luis Gonzalez, piano; Melissa Chavez, director

Ancient words ever true, Ancient words ever true,

Verse 1: Holy words long preserved, For our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home.



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Chorus: Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.

Verse 2: Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart Oh let the ancient words impart.  
(Chorus x2)

We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.

**Doxology** | *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* | UMH 95 | led by  
Melissa Chavez

**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.**

**Offertory Prayer** | Rev. Pam Bentley

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** | Rev. Pam Bentley

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

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### **Liturgy of Farewell for a Staff Member |**

God of our beginnings and endings, we celebrate all we have shared with Luis and ask your blessing as he continues on his journey. May the love that is in our hearts be a bond that unites us forever, wherever we may be. May the power of your presence bless this moment of our leave-taking; this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

**As you journey onward,  
we assure you of our love and prayers.  
As you experience the pain of change,  
and the insecurity of moving on,**

**we pray that you may also experience  
the blessing of inner growth.**

I know that God goes with me.

**As you walk through the good times and the bad,  
we pray that you may never lose sight  
of the shelter of God's loving arms.**

I know that God goes with me.

**We give thanks to God for the gifts and talents  
that God has given you,  
and that you were willing to exercise these gifts here.  
God has blessed us through you.**

I give thanks to God for the ministry here.

We now invite the choir to surround Luis and lay hands on him.

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for our brother who is soon to leave us. We entrust him into your loving care, knowing that you are always the faithful traveller and companion on The Way.

Shelter and protect him from all harm and anxiety. Grant him the courage to meet the future, and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Choir Offering** | *Hold Me, Rock Me* | J.S. Brian Tate | Wesley Choir

**Benediction** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Leaving Music** | *Lord Christ, The Only Son of God* | J.S. Bach | played by Luis Gonzalez