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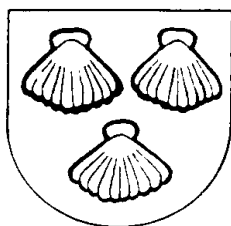
## August 30, 2020 – “Bloom Where You Are Planted”

### 9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Pastor: Rev. Patricia Abell  
Director of Music: Emma Baker

Organist/Pianist: Bonnie Inkman  
Bell Choir Director: Laural Clark



**Saint James**  
**United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville, MD

# GATHER

## *Expanding Our Hearts*



### **Welcome**

**Prelude**      “You'll Never Walk Alone” (Rodgers & Hammerstein)      ***Bonnie Inkman, piano***

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### **Call to Worship**

***Donna Benson, Liturgist***

ONE: Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

ALL: **Sometimes, God takes us where we don't expect.**

ONE: In worship, we gather to get in touch with God's bigger narrative.

ALL: **In worship, we gather to expand our hearts.**

ONE: So let us worship the God of unending surprises.

ALL: **Let us worship the God of love. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

“The Church's One Foundation”

**UMH 545/546**

#### **Verse 1**

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ our Lord  
We are His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heaven He came and sought us  
That we might ever be  
His living servant people  
By His own death set free

#### **Verse 2**

Called forth from every nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Our charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name professing  
And at one table fed  
To one hope always pressing  
By Christ's own Spirit led

#### **Verse 3**

Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees us oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up how long  
But soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song

#### **Verse 4**

Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of our war  
We wait the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with vision the glorious  
Our longing eyes are blest  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest

## Verse 5

We now on earth have union  
With God the Three in One  
And share through faith communion  
With those whose rest is won  
Oh happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

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## Prayer for Illumination

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**God of unending surprises, this life is a tapestry of moments woven together, and we long to be weavers of love. Today we gather and pray that you would unravel our bias. Unravel our assumptions. Unravel whatever it is that keeps us from you. And as you do, clear space in our hearts for your Word. We are listening. We are praying. Amen.**

## Centering Moment

“Unraveling” (Shelly Moore)

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## PROCLAIMING

### *Receiving God's Word*

## Scripture

**Jeremiah 29: 1-7**

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The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> The letter was sent after King Jeconiah, the queen mother, the court officials, the government leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen and smiths had left Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> It was delivered to Babylon by Elasah, Shaphan's son, and Gemariah, Hilkiyah's son—two men dispatched to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar by King Zedekiah.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. <sup>7</sup> Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because your future depends on its welfare.



**Anthem** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (T. Dorsey, arr. Shrader) **Jane Ohlmacher, piano**

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**Witness to the Word** “Bloom Where You Are Planted” **Nancy Everstine, CLS**

RESPONDING  
*Transformation of Our Lives*



**Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World**

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**Prayer of Confession**

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**All: Creator God, Being faithful has never been easy. You asked Noah to build a ship. You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile. You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths. You have asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you. And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to. Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark. Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans. Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves. Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Donna Benson, Liturgist**

# SENDING FORTH

## *Sharing Compassion for Our World*

### Closing Song

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

UMH 571

#### Verse 1

Go make of all disciples  
We hear the call O Lord  
That comes from Thee our Father  
In Thy eternal Word  
Inspire our ways of learning  
Through earnest fervent prayer  
And let our daily living  
Reveal Thee everywhere

#### Verse 2

Go make of all disciples  
Baptizing in the name  
Of Father Son and Spirit  
From age to age the same  
We call each new disciple  
To follow Thee O Lord  
Redeeming soul and body  
By water and the Word

#### Verse 3

Go make of all disciples  
We at Thy feet would stay  
Until each life's vocation  
Accents Thy holy way  
We cultivate the nature  
God plants in every heart  
Revealing in our witness  
The Master Teacher's art

#### Verse 4

Go make of all disciples  
We welcome Thy command  
Lo I am with you always  
We take Thy guiding hand  
The task looms large before us  
We follow without fear  
In heaven and earth Thy power  
Shall bring God's kingdom here

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### Benediction Prayer

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

### Postlude

“Just a Little Talk with Jesus” (C. Derricks)

**Bonnie Inkman, organ**

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