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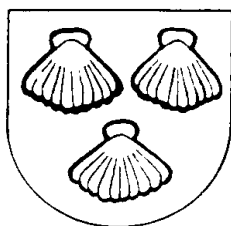
## September 27, 2020 – “Unraveled by Life”

### 9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

# GATHER

## *Expanding Our Hearts*



### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

***Handbell Choir***

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#### **Call to Worship**

***Edie Candee, Liturgist***

ONE: Come in from the night.

**ALL: It is a new day, and this is where love lives.**

ONE: Take off your coat, let the weight fall off your shoulders.

**ALL: For here, you are known. Here, you are loved.**

ONE: Come in from the rain.

**ALL: We can do anything together. We can survive together.**

ONE: When the world unravels from under your feet – come in.

**ALL: Come in.**

ONE: Come in.

**ALL: God is here. You are home. You will never be alone. Let us worship the God who weaves us together. Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

**UMH 496**

#### **Verse 1**

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return sweet hour of prayer

#### **Verse 2**

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
The joys I feel the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my savior shows His face  
And gladly take my station there  
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

#### **Verse 3**

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless

And since He bids me seek His face  
Believe His Word and trust His grace  
I'll cast on Him my every care  
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

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## Prayer for Illumination

*Eddie Candee, Liturgist*

**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

### PROCLAIMING

#### *Receiving God's Word*

## Scripture

### **Job 28: 12-28**

*Eddie Candee, Liturgist*

<sup>12</sup> But wisdom, where can it be found;  
where is the place of understanding?  
<sup>13</sup> Humankind doesn't know its value;  
it isn't found in the land of the living.  
<sup>14</sup> The Deep<sup>[a]</sup> says, "It's not with me";  
the Sea<sup>[b]</sup> says, "Not alongside me!"  
<sup>15</sup> It can't be bought with gold;  
its price can't be measured in silver,  
<sup>16</sup> can't be weighed against gold from Ophir,  
with precious onyx or lapis lazuli.  
<sup>17</sup> Neither gold nor glass can compare with it;  
she can't be acquired with gold jewelry.  
<sup>18</sup> Coral and jasper shouldn't be mentioned;  
the price of wisdom is more than rubies.  
<sup>19</sup> Cushite topaz won't compare with her;  
she can't be set alongside pure gold.  
<sup>20</sup> But wisdom, where does she come from?  
Where is the place of understanding?  
<sup>21</sup> She's hidden from the eyes of all the living,  
concealed from birds of the sky.  
<sup>22</sup> Destruction<sup>[c]</sup> and Death have said,  
"We've heard a report of her."  
<sup>23</sup> God understands her way;  
he knows her place;  
<sup>24</sup> for he looks to the ends of the earth

and surveys everything beneath the heavens.

<sup>25</sup> In order to weigh the wind,  
to prepare a measure for waters,  
<sup>26</sup> when he made a decree for the rain,  
a path for thunderbolts,  
<sup>27</sup> then he observed it, spoke of it,  
established it, searched it out,  
<sup>28</sup> and said to humankind: “Look,  
the fear of the LORD is wisdom;  
turning from evil is understanding.”



**Anthem**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

***Handbell Choir***

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**Witness to the Word**

“Unraveled by Life”

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

**RESPONDING**

*Transformation of Our Lives*



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

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**Prayer of Confession**

***Eddie Candee, Liturgist***

**All: Holy God, We have been angry because we see suffering and we don’t understand. We have been skeptical because we know heartbreak that doesn’t seem fair. We have withheld love because sacrifice only feels real when it’s our own. Forgive us for forgetting that you created the heavens and the earth. Forgive us for withholding our pain from you. Forgive us for thinking that we know everything. When the world falls apart around us – when love unravels and life slowly fails – draw us in. Show us grace; for you gave the wind its weight and you gave our bodies life. Forgive is for forgetting that. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**  
*Sharing Compassion for Our World*

**Closing Song**

“Here I Am, Lord”

**UMH 593**

**Verse 1**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Verse 2**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Verse 3**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
‘til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

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*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 593*  
**Text:** Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)  
**Music:** Dan Schutte, 1981; *adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988*  
**Tune:** ---, **Meter:** 77.74 D with Refrain

**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**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (arr. Mary Lynn Thompson) **Handbell Choir**

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