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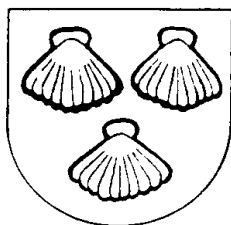


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October 4, 2020 – “Unraveled By Healing”

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor: Rev. Patricia Abell	Organist/Pianist: Bonnie Inkman
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Saint James
United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

GATHER

Expanding Our Hearts



Welcome

Prepare your bread & juice for Communion

Prelude "How Great Thou Art" (Stuart K. Hine, arr. by M. Sherrill Kelsey)

Offered by Bonnie Inkman, piano

CCLI Song # 14181

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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Call to Worship

Derrick Stump, Liturgist

ONE: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

ALL: For God loves us just as we are.

ONE: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

ALL: For all of us is welcome here – scars and fears, depression and doubt, hope and joy, light and laughter.

ONE: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

ALL: For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.

Hymn

"Open Our Eyes"

TFWS 2086

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

CCLI Song # 1572

Bob Cull

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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

PROCLAIMING

Receiving God's Word

Scripture

Mark 5: 1-20

Derrick Stump, Liturgist

5 Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the lake, to the region of the Gerasenes. ² As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out of the tombs. ³ This man lived among the tombs, and no one was ever strong enough to restrain him, even with a chain. ⁴ He had been secured many times with leg irons and chains, but he broke the chains and smashed the leg irons. No one was tough enough to control him. ⁵ Night and day in the tombs and the hills, he would howl and cut himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from far away, he ran and knelt before him, ⁷ shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

⁸ He said this because Jesus had already commanded him, "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!"

⁹ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He responded, "Legion is my name, because we are many." ¹⁰ They pleaded with Jesus not to send them out of that region.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. ¹² "Send us into the pigs!" they begged. "Let us go into the pigs!" ¹³ Jesus gave them permission, so the unclean spirits left the man and went into the pigs. Then the herd of about two thousand pigs rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

¹⁴ Those who tended the pigs ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. People came to see what had happened. ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the man who used to be demon-possessed. They saw the very man who had been filled with many demons sitting there fully dressed and completely sane, and they were filled with awe. ¹⁶ Those who had actually seen what had happened to the demon-possessed man told the others about the pigs. ¹⁷ Then they pleaded with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸ While he was climbing into the boat, the one who had been demon-possessed pleaded with Jesus to let him come along as one of his disciples. ¹⁹ But Jesus wouldn't allow it. "Go home to your own people," Jesus said, "and tell them what the Lord has done for you and how he has shown you mercy." ²⁰ The man went away and began to proclaim in the Ten Cities all that Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.



Anthem

“Thy Word”

offered by Stephanie Clark, soloist

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Amy Grant | Michael W. Smith

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Witness to the Word

“Unraveled by Healing”

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

Derrick Stump, Liturgist

All: Gracious God, we admit that there are things we sweep under the rug – shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles, and our own insecurities. We know that is not what you want for us, for Jesus loved the healthy and the sick parts of everyone. With Jesus, there was no stigma, fear, or bias. God of creation, help us to love and live in the same way. Forgive us when we hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others, simply for being human. You long for better, and we long for you. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Breaking and Sharing of Bread and Cup

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer for Communion

All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine/grape juice to offer, which has come forth from the earth and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing, so that we may know your touch and presence in all things. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, living act of praise. Amen.

Prayer for Communion

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The Lord's Prayer and Offering and Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Sharing Compassion for Our World

Closing Song

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Verse 1

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
[Refrain]

Verse 2

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.
[Refrain]

Verse 3

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.
[Refrain]

Verse 4

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.
[Refrain]

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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

"Blessed Assurance" - Lyrics by Fanny Crosby and Van Alstyne,

Music by Phoebe P. Knapp – **offered by Bonnie Inkman, organ**

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