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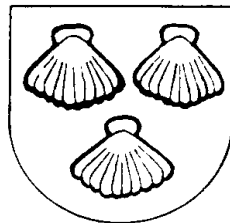


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December 13, 2020 – “Joy”

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Pastor: Rev. Patricia Abell	



Saint James
United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Welcome and Prepare

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” offered by Bonnie Inkman, organ

J.S. Bach, arr. by Dorothy Wells
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Crossing the Threshold

Opening Prayer

Eddie Candee, Liturgist

**Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we catch
of your gift of the depths of joy.
Even in the midst of fear,
of challenge, of struggle—
even when we are not sure of your presence,
ignite the flame of joy within us,
... that we might glow with its brilliance
from the inside out.
Help us face the silence of unknowing
And embrace it as the pregnant pause before joyful new beginnings.
Amen.**



Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMH 203

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
2. He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
Are precious in his sight.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

4. The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
That name to us is love.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 203

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Children's Time to Shine

"This Little Light of Mine"

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Scripture

Isaiah 57: 14-19 (CEB)

Eddie Candee, Liturgist

¹⁴ It will be said: "Survey, survey; build a road!
Remove barriers from my people's road!"

¹⁵ The one who is high and lifted up,
who lives forever, whose name is holy, says:
I live on high, in holiness,
and also with the crushed^[e] and the lowly,
reviving the spirit of the lowly,
reviving the heart of those who have been crushed.^[f]

¹⁶ I won't always accuse,
nor will I be enraged forever.
It is my own doing that their spirit is exhausted—
I gave them breath!

¹⁷ I was enraged about their illegal profits;
I struck them; in rage I withdrew from them.
Yet they went on wandering wherever they wanted.

¹⁸ I have seen their ways, but I will heal them.
I will guide them,
and reward them with comfort.

And for those who mourn,
¹⁹ I will create reason for praise:^[g]
utter prosperity to those far and near,
and I will heal them, says the LORD.

Special Music/Anthem

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" offered by Ryan Ferguson, piano

Traditional German Carol/arr. Lloyd Larson

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)

Music from Albe Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesing, 1599

1 Many people have already applied themselves to the task of compiling an account of the events that have been fulfilled among us. ² They used what the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed down to us. ³ Now, after having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, I have also decided to write a carefully ordered account for you, most honorable Theophilus. ⁴ I want you to have confidence in the soundness of the instruction you have received.

²⁶ When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹ She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. ³¹ Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. ³³ He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. ³⁶ Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. ³⁷ Nothing is impossible for God."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

³⁹ Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. ⁴⁰ She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. ⁴³ Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. ⁴⁵ Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

⁴⁶ Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

⁴⁷ In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

⁴⁸ He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

⁴⁹ because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

⁵⁰ He shows mercy to everyone,
from one generation to the next,
who honors him as God.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

⁵² He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,

⁵⁵ just as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home

Message

"Joy"

Rev. Patricia Abell

WE RESPOND



Litany of Belief

I believe that we have sometimes been silent in the face of injustice AND

... I believe that we are capable of raising our voices and insisting on goodness for all.

I believe that we have been afraid of feeling deeply, making our joy small AND

... I believe that the deep joy of community can always be present, even in hard times.

I believe that sometimes we wonder if we can make a difference AND

... I believe that small acts of kindness and help do make a real difference.

We believe, even when we are discouraged.

... We believe, that when we are discouraged, raising our voices for justice will offer us joy!

Prayers for God's People, the Church and the World

Share your prayer requests at pastor.saintjames@verizon.net or stjamessec@verizon.net

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Mission Moment

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

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WE GO FORTH

Carol of Resistance

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and Heav’n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o’er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

We wait for justice
but we do not wait to work for change;

We wait for restored health
but we do not wait to work to heal;

We wait for wholeness
but we do not wait to work at binding brokenness;

We wait for peace
but we do not wait to work to eliminate hatred.

And so, my friends, like bells ringing out the news
That God is ever-present with us,
fill the night left by sadness with messages of joy.
Go into your lives humming the tunes that keep that joy alive in you
and that spur you on in your work of justice and reconciliation.
Raise your voices and repeat after me...
“do not be afraid!”
“do not be afraid!” Amen!

Handbell Benediction

Postlude

“And the Glory of the Lord” *offered by Bonnie Inkman, organ*

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