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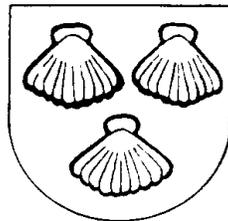
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**December 20, 2020 – “Peace”**

**9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

# WE GATHER

**Welcome and Prepare**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Prelude**

**“The Holly and the Ivy”**

**Handbell Choir**

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**Crossing the Threshold**

**Opening Prayer**

**Nancy Janson, Liturgist**

**Holy One,  
we thank you for the glimpses we catch  
of your gift of peace on earth.  
Even in the midst of fear,  
of challenge, of struggle—  
even when we are not sure that  
goodwill among us can be found,  
ignite the flame of peace within us,  
that we might glow with its brilliance  
from the inside out.  
Amen.**



**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Opening Hymn**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**UMH 211**

**Verse 1**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

**Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**Verse 2**

O come thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go

**Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**Verse 5**

O come Thou Key of David come  
 And open wide our heavenly home  
 The captives from their prison free  
 And conquer death's deep misery

**Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee O Israel

**Verse 7**

O come Desire of nations bind  
 All peoples in one heart and mind  
 From dust Thou brought us forth to life  
 Deliver us from earthly strife

**Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee O Israel

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**WE PROCLAIM****Children's Time to Shine****"This Little Light of Mine"*****Jelinda Blum***

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**Scripture****Isaiah 9: 2-7 (CEB)*****Nancy Janson, Liturgist***

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
 On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have made the nation great;  
 you have increased its joy.

They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,  
 as those who divide plunder rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them,  
 the staff on their shoulders,  
 and the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> Because every boot of the thundering warriors,  
 and every garment rolled in blood  
 will be burned, fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> A child is born to us, a son is given to us,  
 and authority will be on his shoulders.

He will be named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> There will be vast authority and endless peace  
 for David's throne and for his kingdom,  
 establishing and sustaining it  
 with justice and righteousness  
 now and forever.

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Scripture

John 1: 1-18 (CEB)

Nancy Janson, Liturgist

1 In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> The Word was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Everything came into being through the Word,  
and without the Word  
nothing came into being.

What came into being

<sup>4</sup> through the Word was life,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and the life was the light for all people.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

<sup>6</sup> A man named John was sent from God. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. <sup>8</sup> He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that shines on all people  
was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> The light was in the world,  
and the world came into being through the light,  
but the world didn't recognize the light.

<sup>11</sup> The light came to his own people,  
and his own people didn't welcome him.

<sup>12</sup> But those who did welcome him,  
those who believed in his name,  
he authorized to become God's children,

<sup>13</sup> born not from blood  
nor from human desire or passion,  
but born from God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh  
and made his home among us.

We have seen his glory,  
glory like that of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

<sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;

<sup>17</sup> as the Law was given through Moses,  
so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God.

God the only Son,  
who is at the Father's side,  
has made God known

Message

"Peace"

Rev. Patricia Abell

WE RESPOND



### Litany of Belief

I believe that humans seem to have a penchant for conflict AND  
... **I believe that we are capable of learning non-violent ways to negotiate difference.**  
I believe that we have perpetrated deep suffering upon each other AND  
... **I believe that we can face up to the facts of privilege and work for equity.**  
I believe that our fear has told us that we must "win" in order to survive AND  
... **I believe that "winning" at the cost of others can be called out and changed.**  
We believe, even when we are discouraged.  
... **We believe, that when we are discouraged, raising our voices for justice will offer us peace!**

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

Share your prayer requests at [pastor.saintjames@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.saintjames@verizon.net) or [stjamessec@verizon.net](mailto:stjamessec@verizon.net)

### The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

### Mission Moment

### Doxology

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

### 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

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH 251

**Chorus**

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

**Verse 2**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

**Chorus**

**Verse 1**

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

**Chorus**

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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 the light has dawned and shines on all people,  
fill the night left by sadness with messages of peace.  
Go into your lives humming the tunes that keep that peace 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**

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

***Handbell Choir***

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