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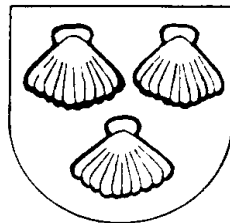


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December 6, 2020 – “Love”

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Saint James
United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Welcome and Prepare (prepare bread and juice for communion)

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“There's Something About That Name”

offered by Bonnie Inkman, organ

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Crossing the Threshold

Opening Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade, Liturgist

**Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we catch
of your gift of daring love.
Even in the midst of fear,
of challenge, of struggle—
even when we cannot yet see a better day
when we will act like the human family we are,
ignite the flame of love within us,
... that we might glow with its brilliance
from the inside out.**



Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Hymn

“People Look East”

UMH 202

1. People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon (1928)

WE PROCLAIM

Children's Time to Shine

"This Little Light of Mine"

Mary Anne Espenshade

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Scripture

Isaiah 7: 1-14 (CEB)

Mary Anne Espenshade, Liturgist

In the days of Ahaz (Jotham's son and grandson of Judah's King Uzziah), Aram's King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah (Remaliah's son) came up to attack Jerusalem, but they couldn't overpower it.

When the house of David was told that Aram had become allies with Ephraim, their hearts and the hearts of their people shook as the trees of a forest shake when there is a wind. But the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the channel of the Upper Pool, by the road to the field where laundry is washed, and say to him, 'Be careful and stay calm. Don't fear, and don't lose heart over these two pieces of smoking torches, over the burning anger of Rezin, Aram, and Remaliah's son. Aram has planned evil against you with Ephraim and Remaliah's son, saying, "Let's march up against Judah, tear it apart, capture it for ourselves, and install Tabeel's son as its king." But the Lord God says: It won't happen; it won't take place. The chief of Aram is Damascus; the chief of Damascus is Rezin (in sixty-five more years Ephraim will be shattered as a nation); the chief of Ephraim is Samaria; and the chief of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you don't believe this, you can't be trusted.'"

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign from the Lord your God. Make it as deep as the grave or as high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I won't ask; I won't test the Lord." Then Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Isn't it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God? Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel.

Special Music/Anthem

"WayMaker"

Offered by Audrey Casper, Hashini Amarasinghe, Ryan Ferguson

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Scripture

Matthew 1: 1-25

Mary Anne Espenshade, Liturgist

A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

[and thus is listed all the generations before and after David the King until it comes to...]

Abraham was the father of Isaac.

*Isaac was the father of Jacob.
Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah,
whose mother was Tamar.
Perez was the father of Hezron.
Hezron was the father of Aram.
Aram was the father of Amminadab.
Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.
Nahshon was the father of Salmon.
Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab.
Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth.
Obed was the father of Jesse.
Jesse was the father of David the king.
David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.
Solomon was the father of Rehoboam.
Rehoboam was the father of Abijah.
Abijah was the father of Asaph.
Asaph was the father of Jehoshaphat.
Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram.
Joram was the father of Uzziah.
Uzziah was the father of Jotham.
Jotham was the father of Ahaz.
Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh.
Manasseh was the father of Amos.
Amos was the father of Josiah.
Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers.
This was at the time of the exile to Babylon.
After the exile to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel.
Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud.
Abiud was the father of Eliakim.
Eliakim was the father of Azor.
Azor was the father of Zadok.
Zadok was the father of Achim.
Achim was the father of Eliud.
Eliud was the father of Eleazar.
Eleazar was the father of Matthan.
Matthan was the father of Jacob.*

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ. So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was

conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

*Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,
And they will call him, Emmanuel.
(Emmanuel means “God with us.”)*

When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he didn’t have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

Message

“Love”

Rev. Patricia Abell

WE RESPOND



Litany of Belief

We believe your Light has filled our lives
... but we have not shared it with others. Lord have mercy on us.
We believe we are marked as your own in baptism
... but we have not lived faithfully. Christ have mercy on us.
We believe you call us to be a light to the nations
... but we have hidden our light under a bushel. Lord have mercy on us.
Transform our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit
... so we may live as a new creation, forgiven and made whole by your enduring Love.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

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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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Holy Communion**WE GO FORTH****Carol of Resistance****"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"****GTG 123**

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| <p>1. It came upon a midnight clear That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.</p> <p>3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and we at war on earth hear not the love-song which they bring; O hush the noise and cease the strife, and hear the angels sing.</p> | <p>2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world. Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing and ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.</p> <p>4. And you beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow look now for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing, O, rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.</p> |
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5. For, lo, the days are hastening on
 By prophets seen of old,
 When with the ever-circling years
 Shall come the time foretold,
 When peace shall over all the earth
 Its ancient splendors fling
 And the whole world give back the song
 Which now the angels sing.

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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 sun still shines even on cloudy days,
fill the night left by sadness with messages of hope.
Go into your lives humming the tunes that keep that hope 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

“Even So, Lord Jesus, Come” *offered by Bonnie Inkman, organ*

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