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February 21, 2021

"An Enduring Heart"

## 9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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# Saint James United Methodist Church

Marriottsville, MD

## WE GATHER

#### **Welcome and Preparation**

#### Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

## "Forty Days and Forty Nights" (Aus Der Tiefe- Out of the Depths) Christopher J. Hoh offered by Clarice Snyder, organist

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Threshold

"Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole" (see insert)

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#### **Opening Prayer**

God of rainbow promises, we seek to know your ways of love and truth. As we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent, your Holy Spirit is with us, as it was with Jesus at the Jordan River. Help us clearly see the pathway that proclaims your kindness and your kin-dom. Help us undertake the journey of the heart so we remember you are with us, in us, and near us, on every step of life's journey. You are Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

We long to be known by you at our best, Holy One. We long to hear the words, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased." Yet we remember times when our words or our actions have hurt your heart or the hearts of others. For these acts, forgive us, we pray. We remember, too, when we have caused harm by failing to act or by failing to speak. For these inactions, forgive us, we pray. Help us, Healer. Show us our strength. Forgive our inertia. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care. In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

#### **Assurance and Peace**

Leader:	The peace of Christ is with you.
All:	And also with you.

**Opening Hymn** 

#### "This is My Father's World"

UMH 144

Verse 1

Verse 2

This is my father's world And to my listening ears All nature sings and 'round me rings This is my Father's world The birds their carols raise The morning light the lily white Music of the spheres This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought Declare their Maker's praise This is my Father's world He shines in all that's fair In the rustling grass I hear Him pass He speaks to me ev'rywhere

#### Verse 3

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget And though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet This is my Father's world Why should my heart be sad The Lord is king Let the heavens ring God reigns! Let the earth be glad.

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## **Children's Moment**

Edie Candee

## Scripture

### 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Jelinda Blum

1 Peter 3:18-22 (CEB)

Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. 19 And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. 20 In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. 21 Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who is at God's right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

Mark 1:9-15

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

Song of Preparation	"As the Deer"	TFWS 2025
Verse 1	Chorus	

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

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Message

## "An Enduring Heart"

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**Choral Call to Prayer** 

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

**TFWS #2200** 

O Lord, hear my prayer O Lord, hear my prayer When I call answer me O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer Come and listen to me

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

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The Lord's Prayer

**Ritual Action** 

#### **Closing Hymn**

"Down to the River to Pray"

### Verse 1

Verse 2

As I went down in the river to pray Studyin' about that good ole way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord show me the way Oh sisters let's go down Let's go down come on down Oh sisters let's go down Down in the river to pray

## Verse 3

As I went down in the river to pray Studyin' about that good ole way And who should wear the starry crown Good Lord show me the way Oh mothers lets go down Let's go down come on down Oh mothers lets go down Down in the river to pray As I went down in the river to pray Studyin' about that good ole way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord show me the way Oh brothers let's go down Let's go down come on down Oh brothers let's go down Down in the river to pray

## Verse 4

As I went down in the river to pray Studyin' about that good ole way And who should wear the starry crown Good Lord show me the way Oh fathers lets go down Let's go down come on down Oh fathers lets go down Down in the river to pray

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## **Benediction**

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Postlude

## "As the Deer" *with* "Fairest Lord Jesus" Martin Nystrom Arr. by Mark Hayes *offered by Clarice Snyder, pianist*

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