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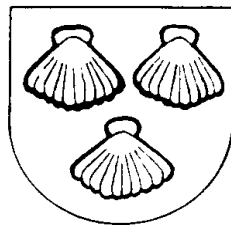


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“Bless Your Heart!”

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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**Saint James
United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation Gather all your stones or pieces of glass and a bowl
Nancy Everstine, CLS

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

Handbell Choir

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Threshold

“Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole” (see insert)

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Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

Spirit of the ages, as you called to Abram and Sarai, renaming them according to your purposes, call to us this day. Open our ears to the sound of your voice, that we may respond to your call and pick up our cross to follow you. Name us anew this day, and raise us to newness of life, that we may be children of your promise, people of your covenant, and disciples of your grace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Nancy Janson

**God above every name, when our vision dims, and we prefer human thoughts to your thoughts, heal our eyes of faith.
Grace above every grace, when our suffering closes us off from the joy on the other side of suffering, grant us your strength to follow Christ in hope and promise.
Wisdom of the ages, when we seek to save our lives in destructive ways, love us back onto the right paths and restore us to life. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance and Peace

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

Opening Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

UMH 116

Verse 1

The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above
Ancient of everlasting Days
And God of love
Jehovah Great I AM
By earth and heaven confessed
I bow and bless the sacred name
For ever blest

Verse 2

The great I AM ha sworn
I on this oath depend
I shall on eagle wings upborne
To heaven ascend
I shall behold His face
I shall God’s power adore
And sing the wonders of God’s grace
Forevermore

Verse 3

The heavenly land I see
With peace and plenty blest
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest
There milk and honey flow
And oil and wine abound
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned

Verse 4

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing
And holy holy holy cry
Almighty King
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be
Jehovah Lord the great I AM
We worship thee

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Children's Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15 –16 (CEV)

Nancy Janson

17 Abram was ninety-nine years old when the LORD appeared to him again and said, "I am God All-Powerful. If you obey me and always do right, ² I will keep my solemn promise to you and give you more descendants than can be counted." ³ Abram bowed with his face to the ground, and God said:

⁴⁻⁵ I promise that you will be the father of many nations. That's why I now change your name from Abram to Abraham.^[a] ⁶ I will give you a lot of descendants, and in the future they will become great nations. Some of them will even be kings.

⁷ I will always keep the promise I have made to you and your descendants, because I am your God and their God.

¹⁵ Abraham, your wife's name will now be Sarah instead of Sarai. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and you will have a son by her. She will become the mother of nations, and some of her descendants will even be kings.

Scripture

Mark 8: 31-38 (CEB)

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³¹ Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One^[a] must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." ³² He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. ³³ Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

³⁴ After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. ³⁵ All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. ³⁶ Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? ³⁷ What will people give in exchange for their lives? ³⁸ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One^[b] will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

Song of Preparation

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Handbell Choir

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Message

“Bless Your Heart!”

Nancy Everstine, CLS

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

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

Nancy Janson

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The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ritual Action

Closing Hymn

“Take Up Thy Cross”

UMH 415

Verse 1

"Take up thy Cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

Verse 3

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Verse 2

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart and nerve thy arm.

Verse 4

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

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Benediction

Nancy Everstine, CLM

Postlude

“The Wind Beneath My Wings”

Handbell Choir

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