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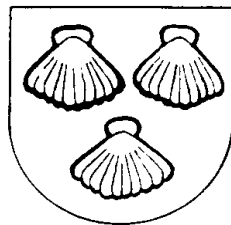


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“A Steadfast Heart”

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

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Handbell Choir

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
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Scripture

Mark 11:1-11 (CEB)

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11 When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, ² saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

⁴ They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those in front of him and those following were shouting,

Leader: “Hosanna to the Son of David!
People: “Hosanna to the Son of David!
Leader: Blessed is the one who comes
People: Blessed is the one who comes
Leader: in the name of the Lord!
People: in the name of the Lord!
Leader: Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Opening Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

Verse 1

Hosanna loud hosanna
The little children sang
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises
The simplest and the best

Verse 2

From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm branch waving
and chanting clear and loud
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on his bidding wait

Verse 3

Hosanna in the Highest
That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer
The Lord of heaven our King
O may we ever praise him
With heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence
Eternally rejoice

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Children's Message

"Who Loves a Parade?"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Threshold

"Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole.
May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul
in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts.
May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console.
Make us holy, make us whole.

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Opening Prayer of Confession

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Forgiving God,
We have opened ourselves to healing and sometimes it is easier to pray nice prayers
than to do the hard work of putting into action what needs to happen.
Help us remember the sacred nature of the holy vessels that we are,
fragile and susceptible to shattering and yet capable of transformation.
Help us to see ourselves as you see us.
Help us to believe in our ability to change and heal as you believe in us.

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.**

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Scripture

Mark 14: 1-46 (CEB)

Nancy Janson

14 It was two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and legal experts through cunning tricks were searching for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ² But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the festival; otherwise, there would be an uproar among the people.

³ Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴ Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume?" ⁵ This perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay^[a] and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

⁶ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me.

⁷ You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. ⁹ I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

¹⁰ Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to give Jesus up to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So he started looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

¹³ He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?"'" ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷ That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me."

¹⁹ Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, "It's not me, is it?"

²⁰ Jesus answered, "It's one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. ²¹ The Human One^[b] goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One!^[c] It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ I assure you that I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom." ²⁶ After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ Jesus said to them, “You will all falter in your faithfulness to me. It is written, *I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep will go off in all directions.*^[d] ²⁸ But after I’m raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else stumbles, I won’t.”

³⁰ But Jesus said to him, “I assure you that on this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

³¹ But Peter insisted, “If I must die alongside you, I won’t deny you.” And they all said the same thing.

³² Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious.

³⁴ He said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert.” ³⁵ Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

³⁷ He came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Couldn’t you stay alert for one hour? ³⁸ Stay alert and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.”

³⁹ Again, he left them and prayed, repeating the same words. ⁴⁰ And, again, when he came back, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open, and they didn’t know how to respond to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? That’s enough! The time has come for the Human One^[e] to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up! Let’s go! Look, here comes my betrayer.”

⁴³ Suddenly, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a mob carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests, legal experts, and elders. ⁴⁴ His betrayer had given them a sign: “Arrest the man I kiss, and take him away under guard.”

⁴⁵ As soon as he got there, Judas said to Jesus, “Rabbi!” Then he kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Anthem

“And Can It Be”

Handbell Choir

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Message

“A Steadfast Heart”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Choral Call to Prayer

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

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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

Mission Moment and Offering 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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Ritual Action

Give It Away

Closing Hymn

"Lamb of God"

TFWS 2113

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

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Benediction

Leader: On the back of a donkey,

All: Jesus came to bless us.

Leader: With a love that did not count the cost,

All: Jesus came to heal us.

Leader: From hopelessness and despair,

All: Jesus came to free us.

Leader: With the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: Jesus came to save us.

Leader: Let us go in peace, sharing faith, offering prayer, and gathering hope,

for God is with us and for us.

Postlude

"I Wonder As I Wander"

Handbell Choir

Accompanied by Susan Day, flute

Appalachian folk tune collected by John Jacob Niles

Arranged by Merle Petersen

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