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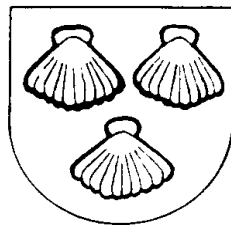


March 7, 2021

“A Passionate Heart”

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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**Saint James
United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation of Bread and Juice

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

offered by Clarice Snyder

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Threshold

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

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Opening Prayer

Eddie Candee

God of righteous fire, just as Jesus was consumed with passion as he cleared the Temple, may we be consumed with passion as we seek justice and righteousness in our world. Just as Christ never flinched on his journey to the cross, may we never waver in our devotion to you and our defense of the poor. On this great journey of Lent, teach us your ways, as we keep our eyes fixed upon your Son. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Eddie Candee

God of majesty and might, when we fail to hear the heavens proclaim your glory in speech without words, open our ears to perceive your precepts in the singing of the stars and in the music of the sun and moon. When we fail to perceive the wonder of your law in every act of kindness and mercy and in every act of devotion, revive our souls with your wisdom, and heal our hearts with your ways. 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

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH 269

Verse 1

Lord who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
And close by Thee to stay

Verse 2

As Thou with Satan didst contend
And didst the victory win
O give us strength in Thee to fight
In Thee to conquer sin

Verse 3

As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst
 So teach us gracious Lord
 To die to self and chiefly live
 By Thy most holy word

Verse 4

And through these days of penitence
 And through Thy passiontide
 Yea evermore in life and death
 Jesus with us abide

Verse 5

Abide with us that so this life
 Of suffering over past
 An Easter of unending joy
 We may attain at last

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Children's Moment

Donna Benson

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (CEB)

Edie Candee

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. ¹⁹ It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.*^[a] ²⁰ Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? ²¹ In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. ²² Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. ²⁴ But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. ²⁵ This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Scripture

John 2: 13-22 (CEB)

Edie Candee

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. ¹⁵ He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. ¹⁶ He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*^[a]

¹⁸ Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

²⁰ The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his

disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Song of Preparation

“There Are Some Things I May Not Know”

TFWS 2147

Verse 1

There are some things
I may not know
There are some places
I can't go
But I'm sure
Of this one thing
That God is real
For I can feel
Him deep within

Chorus

Yes God is real
Real in my soul
Yes God is real
For God has washed
And made me whole
God's love for me
Is like pure gold
Yes God is real
For I can feel God in my soul

Verse 2

Some folks may doubt
Some folks may scorn
All can desert
And leave me alone
But as for me
I'll take God's part
For God is real and I can feel
God in my heart

Chorus

Verse 3

I cannot tell
Just how you felt
When Jesus took
your sins away
But since that day
Yes since that hour
I can feel
God's holy power

Chorus

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Message

“A Passionate Heart”

Rev. Patricia Abell

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

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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

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

Verse 1

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Verse 3

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee I be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen & help thee & cause thee to stand
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand

Verse 4

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

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Benediction

Postlude

“Lift High the Cross”

offered by Clarice Snyder



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