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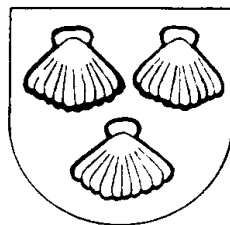


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“Take Heart”

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Saint James
United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Scripture

Jeremiah 31: 1-6 (CEB)

Debra Bostron

31 At that time, declares the LORD,
I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they will be my people.
2 The LORD proclaims:
The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness.
As Israel searched for a place of rest,
3 the LORD appeared to them^[a] from a distance:^[b]
I have loved you with a love that lasts forever.
And so with unfailing love,
I have drawn you to myself.^[c]
4 Again, I will build you up,
and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel.
Again, you will play your tambourines
and dance with joy.
5 Again, you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
farmers will plant and then enjoy the harvests.
6 The time will come when
the watchmen shout from
the highlands of Ephraim:
“Get ready! We’re going up to Zion
to the LORD our God!”

Prelude

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”
Offered by Clarice Snyder, organ

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A Prayer

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God of new dawns, new awakenings, new life,
we hear your voice this morning saying,
“I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love.
With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”
On this Easter day, you tell us we will be rebuilt and made new.
In gratitude we hear you, Living God, and we believe you.
And so we will celebrate the gift of new life in Christ,
even in the midst of fear.
You give us eyes to see through tears,
songs to sing with throats tight with emotion.
We know you help the weary rise up out of the ashes.
Give us the courage to be your light and hope in this world today.
Amen.

Introit

“O Morn of Beauty” (Sibelius)

Chancel Choir

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Scripture**John 20: 1-18 (CEB)****Debra Bostron**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb...

“Give Me Jesus” (vs. 1)

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[As Mary Magdalene came to the tomb she] saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.” ³ Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. ⁴ They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. ⁵ Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷ He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus’ head. It wasn’t with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. ⁸ Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ They didn’t yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

“Give Me Jesus” (vs. 3)

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¹¹ Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. ¹² She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. ¹³ The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” ¹⁴ As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means *Teacher*).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
 Sons of men and angels say alleluia
 Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
 Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Verse 3

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
 Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
 Once he died our souls to save alleluia
 Where's thy victory boasting grave alleluia

Verse 2

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
 Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
 Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
 Christ hath opened paradise alleluia

Verse 5

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven alleluia
 Praise to thee by both be given alleluia
 Thee we greet triumphant now alleluia
 Hail the Resurrection thou alleluia

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Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
 we confess that, even on this most holy day,
 we are unable to believe in the victory over death
 shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
 but also for faith, hope, and love.
 Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
 and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
 we would be lost.
 Forgive us and transform us,
 that in every way our work and prayer will
 make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

Assurance and Peace

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

Children's Message

Donna Benson

Anthem

“In Joseph’s Lovely Garden”

Chancel Choir

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Message

“Take Heart”

Rev. Patricia Abell

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

Debra Bostron

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The Lord’s Prayer

Mission Moment and Offering Prayer

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Closing Hymn

“He Lives”

UMH 310

Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

Verse 2

In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last

Chorus

He lives He Lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way
He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart

Verse 3

Rejoice rejoice O Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him
The Help of all who find
None other is so loving
So good and kind

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Benediction

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth in joy.

**All: From darkness and despair,
We go to share Christ's hope and joy.**

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth in faith.

**All: From doubt and betrayal,
We go to walk in humility and faith.**

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth to love.

**All: From suffering and death,
We go to heal a broken world.**

Leader: Christ is Risen.

All: Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Postlude

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Offered by Clarice Snyder, organ

Arr. by Wilber Held

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