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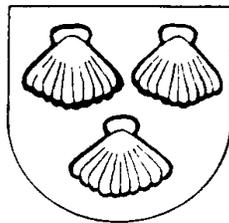


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“TAKE HEART!! God Loves Every One of Us”

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WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. by Dale Wood

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Anne Espenshade

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Threshold

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)" (Refrain)

Amazing Love, how can it be, that you my King would die for me

Amazing Love, I know it's true, it's my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You.

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Opening Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.

Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend,

and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen

Opening Hymn

"A Mother Lined A Basket

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Verse 1

A mother lined a basket
to keep her baby dry,
then rocked him on a river,
lest he awake and cry.
She let a princess name him
her son that he might live.
God's people had a leader.
She had such hope to give.

Verse 2

A mother sewed a jacket,
lined in the softest wool,
then dressed her little boy-child,
her cup of blessing full.
She brought him to the temple
where he would serve and live.
God's people had a prophet.
She had such faith to give.

Verse 3

A mother laid her baby
in manger lined with straw;
then, in the shepherds' story,
his call from God foresaw.
She nurtured him and taught him
the way that he must live.
God's people had a savior.
She had such love to give.

Verse 4

A mother laid her baby Like Jochebed and Hannah,
and Mary too, we know
the hardest part of loving
is learning to let go,
so when we send our children
out in the world to live,
grant us such hope and faith, God,
and love enough to give.

Prayer of Confession (John 15)

Mary Anne Espenshade

Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us, but that can be a difficult thing.

You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love, yet we cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift.

You invite us to sing a new song and set our hearts free from the chains that bind us, yet we cling to familiar paths and old, familiar ways. Heal us, O God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once more, that our lips may sing your praise and our hearts may leap with joy. Help us live as children of your love. (Silence).

Words of Assurance (John 15:13)

Mary Anne Espenshade

One: Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!!.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Passing the Peace of Christ (1 John 4, John 15)

Mary Anne Espenshade

Calling us friends, Jesus has given us a commandment:

to love one another as he has loved us. May we show this love today as we pass the peace of Christ:

“Peace be with you”

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Children’s Message

Donna Benson

Scripture

Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17 (CEB)

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⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, ⁴⁷ “These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?” ⁴⁸ He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

John 15: 9-17 (CEB)

⁹“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. ¹² This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷ I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

Anthem

“Run, Mary Run” arr. Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia.
Go sing the praises of the risen lord.
Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia.
Go sing the praises of the risen lord.

Wipe the teardrops from your eyes.
Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.
Shout salvation to the skies.
Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

See the tomb is open wide.
Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.
There is no one left inside.
Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia.
Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.
Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia.
Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia.
Go sing the praises of the risen lord.
Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia.
Go sing the praises of the risen lord.

Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.
Go and sing the praises of the Lord, risen Lord.

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Message

“Take Heart!! God Loves Every One of Us”

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

Mary Anne Espenshade

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The Lord’s Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

Offering Invitation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94 Chancel Choir

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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Patricia Abell

Closing Hymn

“I’m Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing”

UMH 333

Verse 1

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
And obey the Spirit of the Lord

Verse 2

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
And obey the Spirit of the Lord

Verse 3

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
And obey the Spirit of the Lord

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Benediction (John 15, 1 John 4))

Rev. Patricia Abell

Walk in God’s grace and bring the gospel to the world.
Love with Christ’s mercy and share the good news with our neighbors.

Bask in the Spirit's blessings and walk the sacred path each and every day.
+In God's love, with Christ's love, by the Spirit's love, go to be love in the world.

Postlude

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Clarice Snyder

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