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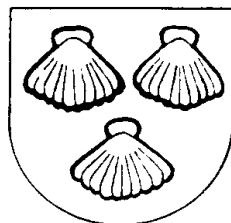


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“Faith and Justice”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Call to Worship

Eddie Candee

Scattered seeds, emerging seedlings . . .

We all are welcome here.

Youngest children, rugged shepherds, mighty rulers . . .

We're here to worship God.

In the love of Christ, created anew . . .

We gather to worship and remember.

Threshold

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

TFWS 2190

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!

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Opening Prayer

Eddie Candee

God, you are the gardener of all creation.

You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness.

We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you.

**May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will,
may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

TFWS 2193

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us power send us grace

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Prayer of Confession

Eddie Candee

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.

We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.

We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.

**Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves,
but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen... (Silence).**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you...**

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Children’s Message

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Psalm 20 (CEB)

Edie Candee

I pray that the LORD answers you
whenever you are in trouble.
Let the name of Jacob’s God protect you.
² Let God send help to you from the sanctuary
and support you from Zion.
³ Let God recall your many grain offerings;
let him savor your entirely burned offerings. *Selah*
⁴ Let God grant what is in your heart
and fulfill all your plans.
⁵ Then we will rejoice that you’ve been helped.
We will fly our flags in the name of our God.
Let the LORD fulfill all your requests!
⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed one;
God answers his anointed one
from his heavenly sanctuary,
answering with mighty acts of salvation
achieved by his strong hand.
⁷ Some people trust in chariots, others in horses;
but we praise the LORD’s name.
⁸ They will collapse and fall,
but we will stand up straight and strong.
⁹ LORD, save the king!
Let him answer us when we cry out!

Mark 4:26-34 (CEB)

²⁶ Then Jesus said, “This is what God’s kingdom is like. It’s as though someone scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷ then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn’t know how. ²⁸ The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. ²⁹ Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it’s harvesttime.”

³⁰ He continued, “What’s a good image for God’s kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? ³¹ Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it’s the smallest of all the seeds on the

earth; ³² but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. ³⁴ He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

Anthem

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Chancel Choir

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Message

"Faith and Justice"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Affirmation of Faith

World United Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;
And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

In the upholding of human dignity and community;
In every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
In each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;
In all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:

Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
Through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;
Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;
Through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence;
Through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:

To take up the cross;
To seek abundant life for all humanity;
To struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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

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The Lord's Prayer

Offering Invitation and 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

“Rise Up Ye Saints of God”

UMH 576

Verse 1

Rise up O men of God
Have done with lesser things
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings

Verse 3

Rise up O men of God
The church for you doth wait
Her strength unequal to her task
Rise up and make her great

Verse 2

Rise up O men of God
His kingdom tarries long
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong

Verse 4

Lift high the cross of Christ
Tread where His feet have trod
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up O men of God

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Benediction

As part of God’s new creation, go forth to proclaim the good news.
As seeds planted by God, we go to spread God’s gifts of justice and love.
May the Steadfast love of God give hope,
The redeeming power of Christ give courage,
And the abiding presence of Spirit give strength,
As we serve the will of God this day and every day.
...to share faith, gather hope and be love in the world. And all God’s people said, “**Amen!**”

Postlude

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word ”

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Question for Reflection

How can you practice walking by faith and not by sight?

Household Prayer: Morning

The sunlight greets me in morning, reminding me that I begin this day in your presence.

The air I breathe instructs me that I live by your constant love.

Lord, I acknowledge you are my God!

I will seek your face in those I meet and make my aim to please and serve you alone, Jesus, my Lord.

Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

The numerous stars shine the wonder of God whose grace is beyond measure;

whisper to me your abundant grace, which sustains me.

As I lay down my head, I recall Jesus saying that the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.

I imagine Jesus being with those who look for a place to lay their heads.

O God, I ask for your mercy and pray for the day when we all can sleep in shalom,

trusting in your mysterious work through Jesus Christ, the Savior for all. Amen.

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