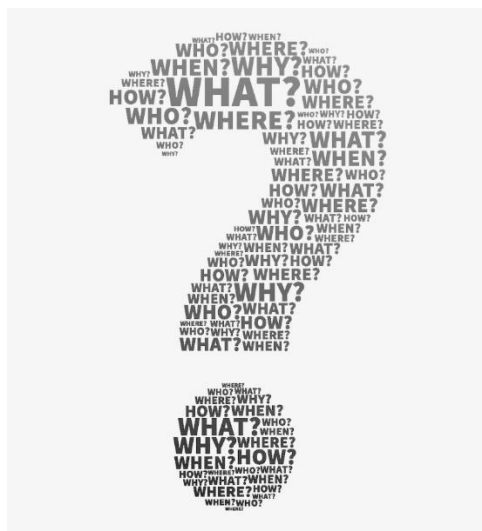


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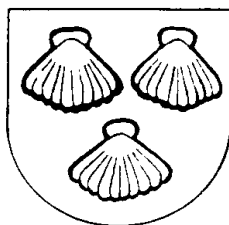
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**“QUESTIONS in Faith: Who is the Lord? Who am I?”**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville, MD

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

"Fling Wide the Door" (A.W. Leupold)

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### Welcome and Preparation

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Call to Worship

*Edie Candee*

The Lord is in our midst.

**We will sing and dance to God's glory.**

Let heaven and earth rejoice this day.

**Let all of creation sing God's praises.**

The One who dwelt in the Ark of the Covenant is with us now.

**Let us worship the Lord.**

### Opening Prayer

*Edie Candee*

**God of wonders, bless us this day with your manifold blessings.**

**As we worship you this day, call us once more to reflect your glory,**

**and seal us in the promise of your Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**UMH 577**

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us  
Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
Serving thee whom we adore.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 577

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### Children's Message

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

The earth is the LORD's and everything in it,  
the world and its inhabitants too.  
<sup>2</sup> Because God is the one who established it on the seas;  
God set it firmly on the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Who can ascend the LORD's mountain?  
Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?  
<sup>4</sup> Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart;  
the one who hasn't made false promises,  
the one who hasn't sworn dishonestly.  
<sup>5</sup> That kind of person receives blessings from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God who saves.  
<sup>6</sup> And that's how things are  
with the generation that seeks him—  
that seeks the face of Jacob's God. <sup>[a]</sup> Selah

<sup>7</sup> Mighty gates: lift up your heads!  
Ancient doors: rise up high!  
So the glorious king can enter!  
<sup>8</sup> Who is this glorious king?  
The LORD—strong and powerful!  
The LORD—powerful in battle!  
<sup>9</sup> Mighty gates: lift up your heads!  
Ancient doors: rise up high!  
So the glorious king can enter!  
<sup>10</sup> Who is this glorious king?  
The LORD of heavenly forces—  
he is the glorious king! Selah

### Ephesians 1:3-14 (CEB)

<sup>3</sup> Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. <sup>4</sup> God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. <sup>5</sup> God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan <sup>6</sup> and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. <sup>7</sup> We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, <sup>8</sup> which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> God revealed his hidden design <sup>[a]</sup> to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. <sup>10</sup> This is what God planned for the climax of all times: <sup>[b]</sup> to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. <sup>11</sup> We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. <sup>12</sup> We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. <sup>13</sup> You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. <sup>14</sup> The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

**Anthem**

“Give Me Faith”

**Stephanie Clark, soloist**

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**Message**

“Got Questions in Faith?”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

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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**

“We Will Glorify the King of Kings”

**TFWS 2087**

**Verse 1**

We will glorify the King of kings  
We will glorify the Lamb  
We will glorify the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I Am

**Verse 2**

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty  
We will bow before the throne  
We will worship him in righteousness  
We will worship him alone

**Verse 3**

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth  
He is Lord of all who live  
He is Lord above the universe  
All praise to Him we give

**Verse 4**

Hallelujah to the King of kings  
Hallelujah to the Lamb  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I Am

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Twila Paris

## **Benediction**

Go forth with the blessings of God.

**We will dance with joy, as we celebrate God's presence.**

Go forth with the inheritance of Christ.

**We will sing and shout our praise, as we share Christ's good news.**

Go forth, sealed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**We will share our faith and hope, as we live a life in grace.**

+ May the love of God, the power of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell within us As we serve the will of God this day and every day.

... sharing faith, gathering hope and being love in the world. And all God's people said, "**Amen!**"

## **Postlude**

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*To experience one's self as God's beloved is a gift beyond compare. For some, it is difficult to receive such a gift; for others, such grace comes more easily. How can we deepen our experience of that gift in ourselves? How might we encourage this gift in others?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*O God of steadfast love and faithfulness, as I awaken this day in expectation,  
I turn my heart toward you, for I am your beloved.  
Fill me with your wisdom and insight,  
and guide my feet into the way of peace as I walk your righteous path. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Recounting both the blessings and challenges of this day,  
I give thanks to you, O God,  
for my hope is in Christ who makes all things new,  
and so I rest this night. Amen.*

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