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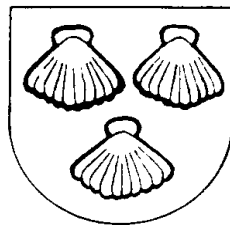
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**“Hearts on Fire: Living Into Wisdom”**

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

## WE GATHER

**Prelude** “What Wondrous Love Is This” (setting by Sally Drenman Mossing)

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**Welcome**

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

**Introit**

“Pass It On” (vs. 1 & chorus)

***UMH 572***

### **Verse 1**

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone  
You want to pass it on

**Call to Worship**

***Barbara Cook***

ONE: Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

**Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.**

Live as trees planted by living waters, and Christ will give you peace.

**Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead you home.**

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

**Let us worship the Rock, the Redeemer and Renewer of us all!**

“Pass It On” (vs. 3 & chorus)

***UMH 572***

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountaintop  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

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**Opening Prayer**

***Barbara Cook***

**Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water, so we may bear the fruit of peace and mercy in the seasons of our lives. Root us in the soil of your grace and compassion, that we may reach out our hands to the needy and speak with gentleness to the**

**sorrowful. Nourish us in your righteousness, that our actions may reflect your presence in our living and in our loving. Place your wisdom and understanding within us, that we may be far more precious than jewels to those in need of your healing love. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

**TFWS 2158**

**Verse 1**

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

**Chorus**

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be

**Verse 2**

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares  
Who with me my burden shares  
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently safely o'er  
To thy shore dear Lord to thy shore

**Chorus**

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**Children's Moment**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Scripture**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

<sup>13</sup> Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. <sup>16</sup> Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. <sup>17</sup> What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. <sup>18</sup> Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

<sup>4</sup> What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? <sup>2</sup> You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

## Mark 9: 30-37 (CEB)

<sup>30</sup> From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. <sup>31</sup> This was because he was teaching his disciples, "The Human One<sup>[c]</sup> will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up." <sup>32</sup> But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" <sup>34</sup> They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

### Anthem

"May the Words of My Mouth"

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### Message

"Living Into Wisdom"

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

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

Share your prayer requests at [pastor.saintjames@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.saintjames@verizon.net) or [stjamessec@verizon.net](mailto:stjamessec@verizon.net) or write requests on prayer slips provided and place in the Giving Box.

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all Earth's needs, saying: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

### Mission Moment

Blessing of the Coats

### 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

“O For a Heart to Praise My God”

**UMH 417**

### Verse 1

O for a heart to praise my God  
A heart from sin set free  
A heart that always feels Thy blood  
So freely shed for me

### Verse 3

A humble lowly contrite heart  
Believing true and clean  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From Christ who dwells within

### Verse 2

A heart resigned submissive meek  
My great Redeemer’s throne  
Where only Christ is heard to speak  
Where Jesus reigns alone

### Verse 4

A heart in every thought renewed  
And full of love divine  
Perfect and right and pure and good  
A copy Lord of thine

### Verse 5

Thy nature gracious Lord impart  
Come quickly from above  
Write Thy new name upon my heart  
Thy new best name of love

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## Benediction

### Postlude

“Toccata in G Major” (William Hieronyous Pachelbel)

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### **Question for Reflection**

*Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be a little child who is welcomed. What do you notice?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Gracious God, you give life and, in your Word, it is beautiful.*

*Thank you for this new day.*

*In each coming hour, help me to see beneath the ever-present difficulties and superficial joys.*

*Deepen my understanding of the mysteries that you have set out for your people.*

*Guide me toward those I meet today in a way that welcomes them in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*This day is nearly over, Merciful God, and I am tired.*

*I have been unable to do all that I had hoped;*

*I have done some things I would take back if I could.*

*Forgive me.*

*Bring me into the warmth and security of your embrace now, and fill me with new vision.*

*Lead me to rest and rise to meet tomorrow with confidence,*

*in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

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