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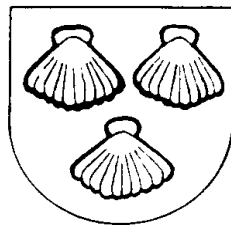
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**“Hearts on Fire”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

“Amazing Grace” arr. by Lee Dengler

**offered by Clarice Snyder, organ**

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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: Those who trust in the Lord shall never be shaken.

**ALL: Those who place their faith in God stand on firm foundations.**

ONE: Just as mountains surround Jerusalem, God's love and mercy surround God's people.

**ALL: Just as rivers flow through mountain ravines, God's mercy and compassion flow through us.**

ONE: Come! Let us worship the One who brings us peace.

“Pass It On” (chorus only)

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### Opening Prayer

**Barbara Cook**

**God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith,  
through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected.**

**Come to your people today with words of both judgment and mercy,  
that we may be fed from the bread of life.**

**We pray this in your holy triune name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, maker of us all.**

**Amen.**

**Verse 1**

Open my eyes that I may see  
 Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me  
 Place in my hands the wonderful key  
 That shall unclasp and set me free

**Chorus**

Silently now I wait for thee  
 Ready my God thy will to see  
 Open my eyes illumine me  
 Spirit divine

**Verse 2**

Open my ears that I may hear  
 Voices of truth Thou sendest clear  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear  
 Everything false will disappear

**Chorus**

Silently now I wait for thee  
 Ready my God thy will to see  
 Open my ears illumine me  
 Spirit divine

**Verse 3**

Open my mouth and let me bear  
 Gladly the warm truth everywhere  
 Open my heart and let me prepare  
 Love with Thy children thus to share

**Chorus**

Silently now I wait for thee  
 Ready my God thy will to see  
 Open my heart illumine me  
 Spirit divine

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**Children’s Moment****Jelinda Blum****Scripture****James 2:1-10, 14-17 (CEB)****Barbara Cook**

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. <sup>2</sup> Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. <sup>3</sup> Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, “Here’s an excellent place. Sit here.” But to the poor person you say, “Stand over there”; or, “Here, sit at my feet.” <sup>4</sup> Wouldn’t you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

<sup>5</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn’t God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn’t God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Don’t the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren’t they the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Aren’t they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

<sup>8</sup> You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.*<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

<sup>14</sup> My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? <sup>15</sup> Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. <sup>16</sup> What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

### Mark 7: 24-37 (CEB)

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. <sup>25</sup> In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>28</sup> But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

<sup>29</sup> "Good answer!" he said. "Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. <sup>32</sup> Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Open up." <sup>35</sup> At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. <sup>37</sup> People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

#### Anthem

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

**UMH 581**

#### Verse 1

Lord whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need  
Who upon the cross forsaken  
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed  
We your servants bring the worship  
Not of voice alone but heart  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Ev'ry gift which You impart

#### Verse 2

Still your children wander homeless  
Still the hungry cry for bread  
Still the captives long for freedom  
Still in grief we mourn our dead  
As O Lord your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole

### Verse 3

As we worship grant us vision  
 Till Your love's revealing light  
 In its height and depth and greatness  
 Dawns upon our quicken sight  
 Making known the needs and burdens  
 Your compassion bids us bear  
 Stirring us to tireless striving  
 Your abundant life to share

### Verse 4

Called by worship to your service  
 Forth in your dear name we go  
 To the child the youth the aged  
 Love in living deeds to show  
 Hope and health good will and comfort  
 Counsel aid and peace we give  
 That your servants Lord in freedom  
 May your mercy know and live

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### Message

“Hearts on Fire”

**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.

**Response: Hear our prayer.**

### The Lord’s Prayer

### Offering Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

### 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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### Holy Communion

## Closing Hymn

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

UMH 664

### Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God  
from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended,  
O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship  
in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action  
for god and for all.  
God's grace did invite us,  
and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom  
and answer the call.

### Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday  
Life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing God’s children  
Of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us,  
With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one  
In this life that we share  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ  
And that name which we bear.

Oscar Westendorf 1964

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## Benediction

### Postlude

“O for a Thousands Tongues to Sing” arr. by Anna Laura Page

***Offered by Clarice Snyder, organ***

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*Try to recall the first time in your life when you did not retreat in the face of opposition.  
How is your experience like that of the Syrophenician woman putting her case to Jesus?  
Where in your life today is that same courage calling you to speak out?  
What could you do this week to take steps in that direction?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Holy God, I thank you for another day,  
whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope  
or the challenges I sometimes fear.  
Each day in your presence is a time to notice the marvels of creation that surround me.  
Help me to see them today and to move gracefully from one hour to the next,  
in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Giver of all good things, you have been at my side, beneath, above, and within me all day long.  
I thank you for your presence.  
I thank you now, as well, that as I grow weary, you have given me a place to lay my head.  
Watch over all who sleep this night, especially those who have no shelter.  
Guard them and keep all your people in safety, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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