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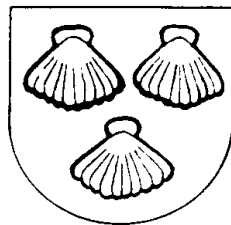
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**Saint James United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville, MD

# WE GATHER

## Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Martin Luther, arr. by Rick Deasley

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## Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

## Crossing the Threshold

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” (echo and refrain)

*TFWS 2002*

## Verse

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)  
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)  
I will call upon the Lord

## Chorus

The Lord liveth  
And blessed be my Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted  
(REPEAT)

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## Call to Worship

*Barbara Cook*

ONE: With our whole being—heart, mind, soul, and strength—let us love and praise God!  
**With all of our being, we will love and praise God!**  
**For God is faithful forever, helping, freeing, loving, protecting!**  
Let us sing praises to our God as long as we live!  
**Praise the maker of heaven and earth! Praise God who is faithful forever!**

## Threshold

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” (refrain only - sing twice)

*TFWS 2002*

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## Opening Prayer

**God who is faithful forever, you are our God.**

**We turn to you in praise, for when our hope rests in you, we find rest.  
We turn to you with our cares, for when we look to you for help, we find strength.  
We turn our hearts to you in worship, offering love for you and for our neighbor.  
We wait in hope. We bring our cares.  
We offer you our love in the name of Jesus, who teaches us to love,  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to love. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

“Marching to Zion”

**UMH 733**

**Verse 1**

Come we that love the Lord  
And let our joys be known  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne  
And thus surround the throne

**Chorus**

We're marching to Zion  
Beautiful beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion  
The beautiful city of God

**Verse 2**

Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God  
But children of the heavenly King  
But children of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad  
May speak their joys abroad

**Verse 3**

The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heavenly fields  
Before we reach the heavenly fields  
Or walk the golden streets  
Or walk the golden streets

**Verse 4**

Then let our songs abound  
And every tear be dry  
We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground  
We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high  
To fairer worlds on high

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**Children's Moment**

**Jelinda Blum**

**Scripture**

**Hebrews 9:11–14 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

<sup>11</sup> But Christ has appeared as the high priest of the good things that have happened. He passed through the greater and more perfect meeting tent, which isn't made by human hands (that is, it's not a part of this world). <sup>12</sup> He entered the holy of holies once for all by his own blood, not by the blood of goats or calves, securing our deliverance for all time. <sup>13</sup> If the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of cows made spiritually contaminated people holy and clean, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Jesus wash our

consciences clean from dead works in order to serve the living God? He offered himself to God through the eternal Spirit as a sacrifice without any flaw.

### Mark 12: 28-34 (CEB)

<sup>28</sup> One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* <sup>30</sup> *and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>31</sup> The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>[b]</sup> No other commandment is greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup> The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**Hymn** “Love the Lord Your God” **TFWS 2168**

#### Chorus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are

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**Message** “Reformed to Love” **Rev. Patricia Abell**

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

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### The Lord’s 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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110

### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

### Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right man on our side  
The man of God’s own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus it is he  
Lord Sabaoth his name  
From age to age the same  
And he must win the battle

### Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thru us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

### Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with is sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God’s truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

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## Benediction

### Postlude

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*We serve a living God. This week, look each day for the presence of God alive in the midst of God's people and the creation God has made. Where is God at work, bringing people together for good? What can you do to watch out for the oppressed, the widows, the orphans, or people less fortunate?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Holy God, on this new day,  
I give you thanks for all that lies before me and those I love.  
Guide us and keep us on the path that you intend.  
Help us to see the journey you set before us when the way grows dim. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Gracious giver of all good things,  
for all that has transpired in your world today,  
I pray for peace and quiet to come where it is most needed.  
I thank you for the work I have had to do and pray for those who have no work.  
I ask your presence now for rest and renewal, in safety and calm,  
that tomorrow I may again see your face in those I meet, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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