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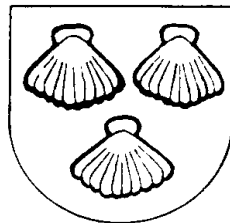


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“Blessed to Hold On”

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Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

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Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Crossing the Threshold "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" *Handbell Choir*

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Call to Worship *Mary Anne Espenshade*

ONE: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.
Because we keep the Lord before us, we shall not be moved.
Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice
For God shows us the path of life. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

**Holy God, creator of all that is and is to come, you made the world and called it good.
We thank you and praise you, for we have wreaked havoc on your good creation,
yet you promise to make all things whole and live among us in joy and peace.
Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope, and support us through the birth pangs
of your new creation, that we may welcome you with songs of praise. Amen.**

Opening Hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past" *UMH 117*

Verse 1

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Verse 3

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same

Verse 5

Time like an ever rolling stream
Bears all who breathe away
They fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day

Verse 2

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defense is sure

Verse 4

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Verse 6

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home

Children's Moment

Edie Candee

Scripture

Hebrews 10:11–14, 19-25 (CEB)

Mary Anne Espenshade

¹¹ Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. ¹³ Since then, he's waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, ¹⁴ because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, ²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, ²¹ and we have a great high priest over God's house.

²² Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

²³ Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

²⁴ And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. ²⁵ Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

Mark 13: 1-8 (CEB)

¹³ As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!"

² Jesus responded, "Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

³ Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?"

⁵ Jesus said, "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many people will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' They will deceive many people. ⁷ When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. ⁸ Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

Anthem

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Handbell Choir

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Message

“Blessed to Hold On”

Rev. Patricia Abell

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

Share your prayer requests at pastor.saintjames@verizon.net or stjamessec@verizon.net or write requests on prayer slips provided and place in the Giving Box.

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer, saying, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

“Give Thanks”

Handbell Choir

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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

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH 707

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

Verse 2

There’s a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There’s a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future
What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning
In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing
In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection
At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

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Benediction

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

*How do you profess your faith in God's coming reign of justice and peace,
even in the face of our troubled world?*

Household Prayer: Morning

*Loving God, thank you for waking me up this morning
and giving me another day to love and serve you well.
Thank you for the ways you will lead me today;
help me to trust in you. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Gracious God, you were good to me today, even when I lost sight of you.
Forgive my fickle and heartless ways, and conform my will to yours.
Grant me a safe rest and strengthen me in body, mind, and heart,
that I may serve you faithfully and love you well when I awake to greet your new day. Amen.*

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