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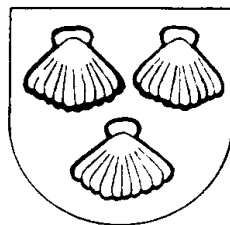


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“How Much Is Enough Joy?”

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Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Prelude

“Savior of the Nation, Come” J. S. Bach *offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Approaching the Threshold

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Stuttgart)

Handbell Choir

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Call to Worship

Dessie Moxley

Today we offer the Light of JOY to illumine a Door of Welcome.

May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.

May JOY awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.

There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

Crossing the Threshold

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (vs. 2)

TFWS 2128

Verse 2

Silence is a friend who claims us
Cools the heat and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us
Knows our being touches base
Making space within our thinking
Lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we're shrinking
Finding scope for faith begun

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Opening Prayer

JOY waits for us at Advent. JOY waits for us to SING.

JOY waits for our AMAZEMENT AT THE GRACE IN EVERYTHING.

In this time of preparation and for the work of co-creation; for the birthing of a world WHERE WONDER IS RESTORED, JOY is born in us ONCE MORE! Amen.

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

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| <p>1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.</p> | <p>2. He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
Are precious in his sight.</p> |
| <p>3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.</p> | <p>4. To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
That name to us is love.</p> |

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A Cookie Moment

Heart

Rev. Patricia Abell

Scripture

Isaiah 12: 2-6 (CEB)

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God is indeed my salvation;
I will trust and won't be afraid.
Yah, the LORD, is my strength and my shield;
he has become my salvation.”

³ You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.

⁴ And you will say on that day:

“Thank the LORD; call on God’s name;
proclaim God’s deeds among the peoples;
declare that God’s name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, who has done glorious things;
proclaim this throughout all the earth.”

⁶ Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion,
because the holy one of Israel is great among you.

Luke 3:7-18 (CEB)

⁷ Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? ⁸ Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire.”

¹⁰ The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

¹¹ He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

¹³ He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.”

¹⁴ Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?”

He answered, “Don’t cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ.

¹⁶ John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.” ¹⁸ With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

Anthem

“Celebrate With Singing”

Handbell Choir

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Message

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Leading Into Prayer

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (vs. 3)

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Verse 3

In the Spirit let us travel
Open to each other's pain
Let our lives and fears unravel
Celebrate the space we gain
There's a place for deepest dreaming
There's a time for heart to care
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare

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

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[A time of silence is kept after each petition.]

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

"And the Glory of the Lord"

Handbell Choir

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Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Verse 2

All the works with joy surround thee
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Ever blessing ever blest
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Ocean depth of happy rest
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Benediction

Postlude

“Hymn to Joy” arr. by Rick Deasley *offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Questions for Reflection

Imagine that you are in the crowd listening to John the Baptizer. You hear people in the crowd asking him, “What should we do to prepare?” How might John instruct you, or your church, to prepare for the coming of God’s reign?

Sometimes wealthy people worry that God or the church is requiring them to be poor. What is the difference between being poor and being fair? How do you feel about sharing?

Household Prayer: Morning

*God, surely you are my salvation.
I begin this day without fear, trusting you, for you are my strength.
Help me to meditate all day on the thought that you are rejoicing in me!
And keep me keenly aware, as I travel through this day,
of ways that I may help others, especially those with special needs.
Then bring me home to you at the close of the day.. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Blessed are you, Lord God:
Thank you, for the gift of today.
Thank you for guarding my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus.
All that I did and all that I left undone,
I now give over to your safekeeping, trusting in your peace that surpasses all understanding.
Be my rest as I sleep tonight, and renew me in your love for another day. Amen.*

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