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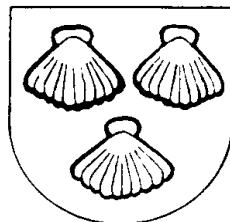
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**“The Gift of Presence”**

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Marriottsville, MD

# WE GATHER

**Prelude** "Christ our Lord came to the Jordan" J. S. Bach *Offered by Clarice Snyder*  
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**Welcome** *Rev. Patricia Abell*

**Approaching the Threshold** "Jesus, the Light of the World" (vs.1) *W & S 3056*

**Verse 1** **Refrain**

See the Bright and Morning Star  
Jesus the Light of the World  
He has risen in our hearts  
Jesus the Light of the World

Walk in the light, beautiful light  
Come where his love and his mercy are bright  
Shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus the Light of the world

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**Call to Worship** *Barbara Cook*

Come to the river of life.  
**Listen for the words of love.**  
Come to the waters of grace.  
**Receive the gift of acceptance.**  
Come to the river of love,  
**for all are welcome here.**

**Crossing the Threshold** "Jesus, the Light of the World" (vs. 2) *W & S 3056*

**Verse 2** **Refrain**

He's the Lamp that lights our way  
Jesus the Light of the World  
Step by step and day by day  
Jesus the Light of the World

Walk in the light, beautiful light  
Come where his love and his mercy are bright  
Shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus the Light of the World

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**Opening Prayer** *Barbara Cook*

**Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

ONE: The **PEACE** of Christ be with you!

**ALL: And also with you!**

**Opening Hymn**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

**UMH 141**

**Verse 1**

Children of the heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given

**Verse 2**

God his own doth tend and nourish  
In his holy courts they flourish  
From all evil things he spares them  
In his mighty arms he bears them

**Verse 3**

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows all He knoweth

**Verse 4**

Though he giveth or he taketh  
God his children ne'er forsaketh  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy

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**Children's Moment**

This Little Light of Mine

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
let it shine, let it shine let it shine

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**Scripture**

**Isaiah 43: 1-7 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

But now, says the LORD—  
the one who created you, Jacob,  
the one who formed you, Israel:  
Don't fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched  
and flame won't burn you.  
<sup>3</sup> I am the LORD your God,  
the holy one of Israel, your savior.  
I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your place.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
you are honored, and I love you.  
I give people in your place,  
and nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Don't fear,  
I am with you.

From the east I'll bring your children;  
from the west I'll gather you.

<sup>6</sup> I'll say to the north, "Give them back!"  
and to the south, "Don't detain them."

Bring my sons from far away,  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name  
and whom I created for my glory,  
whom I have formed and made.

### **Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (CEB)**

<sup>15</sup> The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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."

<sup>21</sup> When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

### **Hymn**

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

**UMH 252**

#### **Verse 1**

When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John  
He did not come for pardon  
But as the sinless one  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins

#### **Verse 2**

He came to share temptation  
Our utmost woe and loss  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross  
So when the dove descended  
On him the Son of Man  
The hidden years had ended  
The age of grace began

#### **Verse 3**

Come Holy Spirit aid us  
To keep the vows we make  
This very day invade us  
And every bondage break  
Come give our lives direction  
The gift we covet most  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost

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**Message**

“The Gift of Presence”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Leading Into Prayer**

“Jesus, the Light of the World” (vs. 3, adapted version) **W & S 3056**

**Verse 3**

Hail the heaven born prince of Peace  
Jesus the Light of the World  
Light and Life to all he brings  
Jesus the Light of the World

**Refrain**

Walk in the light, beautiful light  
Come where his love and his mercy are bright  
Shine all around is by day and by night  
Jesus the Light of the World

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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.] **Response: Hear our prayer.**

**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**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

**UMH 334**

**Verse 1**

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

**Chorus**

Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

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## Benediction

## Postlude

"This Little Light of Mine" arr. by Calvin Taylor **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*How may I live in the power of the Holy Spirit this day?  
What in my life is like chaff that the Holy Spirit burns away in order for me  
to live as a free and faithful child of God?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge  
that you have claimed us as your children.  
In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight.  
In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love.  
Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God  
who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*As evening comes and we end the labors of this day,  
we thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have been our companion.  
If we have disregarded your fellowship, forgive us.  
Where we have strayed from your path, correct us.  
Let us rest this evening as children of God, sheltered in the love of those who belong to your holy family of  
grace. Amen.*

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