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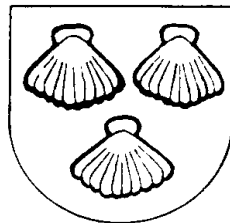
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**“Share Faith, Prayer and Hope”**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

# WE GATHER

**Prelude**

"Aria" Paul Manz

***Offered by Clarice Snyder***

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**Welcome**

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

**Introit**

"Jesus, Remember Me" (UMH 488)

***Chancel Choir***

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 488*

***Text: Luke 23:42***

***Music: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taize, 1981***

***Tune: ---, Meter: Irr.***

**Call to Worship**

***Barbara Cook***

ONE: Clap your hands! Shout for joy!

**ALL: Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!**

ONE: Sing praises to God! Lift your voices!

**ALL: We open our hearts to the ascended Lord, who sits on the throne of glory!**

**Opening Prayer**

***Barbara Cook***

Alpha and Omega, you are the first and the last, the beginning and the end of all things. In you all things move and have their being. Be present in our time of worship, as you have been present in every moment of our lives. For your light dawns for the righteous, and your joy blesses the upright in heart. Stir our hearts within us, that we may feel the kinship we have with you and with one another. This we pray through the power of your Spirit and the radiance of the bright morning star. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

***Barbara Cook***

**O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people.**

**We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness.**

**We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control.**

**We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires.**

**We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom. Amen.**

**Liturgist:** The God of our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us and calls us kingdom people.

Beloved, receive the peace of Christ, believe the good news: In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven!

**ALL: In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God!**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

1. We know that Christ is raised  
 And dies no more  
 Embraced by death  
 He broke its fearful hold  
 And our despair he turned  
 To blazing joy  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. We share by water  
 in his saving death  
 Reborn we share with him  
 An Easter life  
 As living members  
 of a living Christ.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. A new creation  
 Comes to life and grows  
 As Christ's body  
 Takes on flesh and blood  
 The universe restored  
 And whole will sing  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 610  
 Text: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969 (Rom. 6:3-11)  
 Music: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904  
 Tune: ENGELBERG, Meter: 10 10 10 with Alleluias

## Children's Moment

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

## Scripture

**Acts 1:1-11 (CEB)**

*Barbara Cook*

<sup>1</sup> Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, <sup>2</sup> right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. <sup>4</sup> While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup> As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

## Scripture

**Acts 16:16-34 (CEB)**

<sup>16</sup> One day, when we were on the way to the place for prayer, we met a slave woman. She had a spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She made a lot of money for her owners through fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> She

began following Paul and us, shouting, “These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!” <sup>18</sup> She did this for many days.

This annoyed Paul so much that he finally turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave her!” It left her at that very moment.

<sup>19</sup> Her owners realized that their hope for making money was gone. They grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the officials in the city center. <sup>20</sup> When her owners approached the legal authorities, they said, “These people are causing an uproar in our city. They are Jews <sup>21</sup> who promote customs that we Romans can’t accept or practice.” <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in the attacks against Paul and Silas, so the authorities ordered that they be stripped of their clothes and beaten with a rod. <sup>23</sup> When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care. <sup>24</sup> When he received these instructions, he threw them into the innermost cell and secured their feet in stocks.

<sup>25</sup> Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison’s foundations. The doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted loudly, “Don’t harm yourself! We’re all here!”

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He led them outside and asked, “Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?”

<sup>31</sup> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household.” <sup>32</sup> They spoke the Lord’s word to him and everyone else in his house. <sup>33</sup> Right then, in the middle of the night, the jailer welcomed them and washed their wounds. He and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. <sup>34</sup> He brought them into his home and gave them a meal. He was overjoyed because he and everyone in his household had come to believe in God.

## Scripture

## John 17:20-26 (CEB)

<sup>20</sup> “I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. <sup>21</sup> I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. <sup>22</sup> I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

<sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know that you sent me. <sup>26</sup> I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”

## Anthem

“The Commission by Cain” arranged by Grant Wall.

**Chancel Choir**

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Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

Response: Holy God, hear our prayer.

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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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

UMH 154

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| <p>1. All hail the power of Jesus' name<br/>Let angels prostrate fall<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all</p>                 | <p>2. Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race<br/>Ye ransomed from the fall<br/>Hail him who saves you by his grace<br/>And crown him Lord of all<br/>Hail him who saves you by his grace<br/>And crown Him Lord of all</p> |
| <p>3. Sinners whose love can ne'er forget<br/>The wormwood and the gall<br/>Go spread your trophies at His feet<br/>And crown Him Lord of all<br/>Go spread your trophies at His feet<br/>And crown Him Lord of all</p> | <p>4. Let every kindred every tribe<br/>On this terrestrial ball<br/>To him all majesty ascribe<br/>And crown Him Lord of all<br/>To Him all majesty ascribe<br/>And crown Him Lord of all</p>                      |
| <p>5. Crown him ye martyrs of your God<br/>Who from his alter call<br/>Extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod<br/>And crown Him Lord of all<br/>Extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod<br/>And crown Him Lord of all</p>                  | <p>6. O that with yonder sacred throng<br/>We at his feet may fall<br/>We'll join the everlasting song<br/>And crown Him Lord of all<br/>We'll join the everlasting song<br/>And crown Him Lord of all</p>          |

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## Benediction

## Postlude

"I Know that my Redeemer Lives" setting by Michael Burkhardt

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### **Questions for Reflection**

What chains bind you or the people of your community at this time in your life?  
Where each day do you notice the freedom of Christ working to break the chains apart?

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Good and gracious God, we rise with the morning light  
to give you thanks for rest and dreams, for warmth and safety,  
for the delight we have again today in a life filled with your goodness.

Keep us in your care this day that we may walk in your path,  
glad for our friends, praying for our enemies, and eager to hear your Word;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Merciful God, for all that we have done and failed to do this day  
we turn to you for respite.

Forgive us for having shunned your desires;  
rejoice with us over moments that have filled us with joy.

Bless your people in every land with peace.

Protect us now through the night that we may wake again to praise your name.  
Let the Holy Spirit abide in this house. Amen.

### **RESOURCES:**

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