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"Lesson 1: Do No Harm"

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Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Prelude "Meditation on a Folk Song" arr. by Joseph M. Martin Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Welcome Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit "As the Deer" (TFWS 2025) Chancel Choir

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Call to Worship Edie Candee

ONE: All who thirst, refresh yourselves in the waters of the living God.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for God.

All who weep, comfort yourselves in the safety of the living God.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for Christ.

All who feel lost and forgotten, find home and family in the house of the living God.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for the Spirit.

Come! Be revived in the waters of the living God.

Come be renewed as we sing praise and worship the Triune One.

Opening Prayer Edie Candee

Almighty God, ruler of all things seen and unseen,

through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you show your power and mercy.

You cast out evil, tear down walls of division, comfort and challenge your people,

and show signs of your kingdom coming into the world.

Grant that we may lift up the discouraged, strengthen the doubting, and join with all who seek to thank you for your goodness. Glory be to you, O God, who, with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Son, together is worshiped and praised; One God forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not good.

We follow our own devices.

We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors.

Do not turn away from us, O God, but hear our cry for blessing.

Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit.

Guide us into your light so that we may walk in your way. Amen.

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

LITURGIST: One of the most important things we will do this morning is to share the love that we have been given unconditionally by God through Jesus. Let us share this love, joy and peace with one another with a "wave" of peace to the people around you and the people worshiping at home!

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Opening Hymn

"Bring Forth the Kingdom of God"

TFWS 2190

- You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!
- You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! Refrain

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy Bring forth the Kingdom of peace Bring forth the Kingdom of justice Bring forth the City of God

- 3. You are a seed of the Word, O people Bring forth the Kingdom of God Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice Grow in the Kingdom of God **Refrain**
- 4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people
 Bound for the Kingdom of God
 Love our journey and love our homeland
 Love is the Kingdom of God

 Refrain

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Children's Moment Rev. Patricia Abell

Scripture Proverbs 3:29-30 (CEB) Edie Candee

<u>29</u> Don't plan to harm your neighbor who trusts and lives near you. <u>30</u> Don't accuse anyone without reason, when they haven't harmed you.

Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (CEB)

¹ Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

¹³ You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. ¹⁴ All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. ^{[a] 15} But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

¹⁶ I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. ¹⁷ A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. ¹⁹ The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, ²⁰ idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, ²¹ jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

Hymn "The Rule of Life" **W & S 3117**

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

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Message "Lesson 1: Do No Harm" Rev. Patricia Abell

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

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

We pray now for all the world, the church, people of faith, and those who live in want, saying: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

"Praise God for This Holy Ground" (see insert)

W & S 3009

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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

TFWS 2153

- 1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

- I'm gonna work so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

The Faith We Sing Number 2153 **Text:** African American Spiritual

Benediction

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

Think of the many ways in which people are "chained" and how the word of God speaks differently to those prisons.

What specific constraint is in your own life for which you might pray that the Holy Spirit show you a path toward freedom?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for protection through the night and for your presence throughout the day. Clothe us with mercy toward those we meet. Render us the courage and calm we need to face the tasks of the present and to prepare for the challenges to come. Guard us this day so that we learn to give thanks at all times.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for this day of work and play, for study and chores, for time with our family and friends, and for time to be alone.

Bring us now to the peace of mind that lets us rest in you.

Refresh us with your care so that we may rise in the morning with joy. Amen.

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