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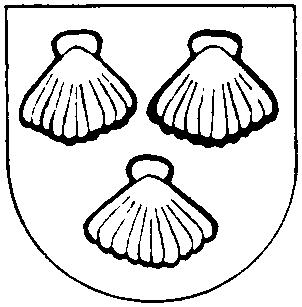
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Saint James United Methodist Church

Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

**Prelude “**Where True Love and Charity Abide” setting by Sally Drennan Mossing

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**Welcome *Debra Bostron, CLS***

**Introit** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” ***Handbell Choir***

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**Call to Worship *Antuan Hairston***

O Lord our God, we praise you.

**ALL: We cried to you for help and you answered us**.

ONE: You have restored our lives;

**ALL: you have rescued us from the grave**.

**Opening Prayer *Antuan Hairston***

**Living God, you sent your apostle to preach the gospel to women gathered by a river, in a secluded place of prayer. There a businesswoman named Lydia was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth. You opened her heart in love, and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel. By the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon *Antuan Hairston***

**ALL: Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Liturgist:** Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.

Beloved, receive the peace of Christ, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**ALL: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Alleluia!**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**Opening Hymn** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” ( vs. 1, 2, 3 and 6)***UMH 549***

### Verse 1 Verse 2

Where charity and love prevail With grateful joy and holy fear  
There God is ever found true charity we learn  
Brought here together by Christ's love Let us with heart and mind and strength  
By love we are thus bound Now love Christ in return

### Verse 3 Verse 6

Forgive we now each other's faults Love can exclude no race or creed  
As we our faults confess If honored be God’s name  
Let us love each other well Our common life embraces all  
In Christian holiness Whose Maker is the same

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**Children’s Moment  *Edie Candee***

**Scripture Acts 16:9-15 (CEB) *Antuan Hairston***

9A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” 10Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. 12From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia’s first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. 13On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. 14One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul’s message. 15Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, “Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house.” And she persuaded us.

**Scripture****John 21:15–19 (CEB)**

15When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” 17He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” 19He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

**Anthem** “Here I Am, Lord” ***Handbell Choir***

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**Music Appreciation *Antuan Hairston***

**Message** “Forgiven” ***Donna Benson, CLS***

**Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World**

**Response:** O Lord our God, **we cry to you for help.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory** “Candle on the Water” ***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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**Offering Prayer**

**Closing Hymn “**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ***TFWS 2129***

### Verse 1 Verse 2

I have decided to follow Jesus The world behind me the cross before me  
I have decided to follow Jesus The world behind me the cross before me  
I have decided to follow Jesus The world behind me the cross before me  
No turning back no turning back No turning back no turning back

**Verse 3**

Though none go with me still I will follow

Though none go with me still I will follow

Though none go with me still I will follow

No turning back no turning back

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**    “The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)” arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

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**Questions for Reflection**

When Lydia hears the gospel, she becomes the first Christian in Europe.

Led by the Spirit, Lydia’s faith is decisive and her witness is immediate.

The word opens her heart in love, and she opens her house in hospitality in service of the gospel.

How might Lydia’s witness excite your sense of ministry and mission this day?

Where might you find someone searching for God’s word?

**Household Prayer: Morning**

Holy Spirit,

enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia’s,

that through deepened prayer

we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

God, it is night and the time for rest has come.

We have served you in love this day and for this we give you thanks.

Do not leave us comfortless, but send your Spirit to abide with us as we trust in you this night.

Amen.

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