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 **July 10, 2022**

 **“Lesson 3: Stay in Love With God””**

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Saint James United Methodist Church

Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

**Prelude**  “Prelude on Slane” (Be Thou My Vision) ***offered by Clarice Snyder***

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**Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell***

**Introit**  “Lord, I Want to Be A Christian” ***Antuan Hairston***

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**Call to Worship *Edie Candee***

ONE: Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

**Love is from God.**

We all are called to live in God’s love.

**Love is from God.**

When we live in God’s love, our love overflows.

**Love is from God. Let us worship together in Love.**

**Opening Prayer *Edie Candee***

**God of love, you have invited us to this time and space.**

**We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joyful praise for the gift of your love.**

**God of life, you have invited us here to place all that we have and all that we are in you.**

**Through the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship,**

**but to offer our hearts in love. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon *Edie Candee***

**Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us, but that can be a difficult thing. You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love, yet we cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift. You invite us to sing a new song and set our hearts free from the chains that bind us, yet we cleave to familiar paths and old, familiar ways.**

**Heal us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once more, that our lips may sing your praise and our hearts may leap with joy. Help us live as children of your love. Amen.**

**Liturgist:** Everyone who believes in the child of the Holy One is born of God. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven!

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

 The Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

**Opening Hymn** “We Meet You, O Christ” ***UMH 257***

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**Scripture 1 John 5:1-6 (CEB) *Edie Candee***

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God. Whoever loves someone who is a parent loves the child born to the parent. 2This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep God’s commandments. 3This is the love of God: we keep God’s commandments. God’s commandments are not difficult, 4because everyone who is born from God defeats the world. And this is the victory that has defeated the world: our faith. 5Who defeats the world? Isn’t it the one who believes that Jesus is God’s Son?

6This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. Not by water only but by water and blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**Hymn** “Take My Life, and Let It Be”  ***UMH 399***

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**Message** “Lesson 3: Stay in Love With God” ***Rev. Patricia Abell***

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

*Share your prayer requests at* *pastor.saintjames@verizon.net* *or* *stjamessec@verizon.net* *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:

Lord of 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***

The Faith We Sing Number 2153
**Text:** African American Spiritual
**Music:** African American Spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum
**Tune:** I'M GONNA LIVE, **Meter:** Irr.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**  “Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariners" (Lord Dismiss Us with thy Blessing)

 ***Offered by Clarice Snyder***

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***Questions for Reflection***

*What if each of us lived every moment of our lives truly believing that God loves everyone?*

*Would it change the world?*

***Household Prayer: Morning***

*Arouse my heart, O God, to your love,*

*and let me love my neighbor with the same consideration I desire for myself.*

*Through Christ I pray. Amen.*

***Household Prayer: Evening***

*O God, you have held me and cared for my wounded soul*

*in ways I may not have been aware.*

*Let me now rest from the labors of this day, secure in your love.*

*Through Christ I pray Amen.*

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