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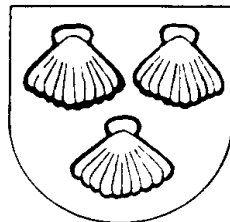


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9:30 am
“Sacred Doing”

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Saint James United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Prelude

“Coventry Carol” Ludwig Lenel

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Crossing the Threshold

reflecting on the sacred

Rev. Patricia Abell

Sung Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

We pray for a new start this day.
We pray for a new start this day.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see each relationship
We open to see each relationship

as a gift of holy presence.
as a gift of holy presence.

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,
This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

lighting the way to the future.
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Congregational Chorus

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Prayer

Pastor Pat

**Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of New Beginnings,
we give you thanks for this commitment to help one another.
As we take in the renewed life you offer, may we be a reflection of your light,**

**expanding the sacred doing of our community
to the alleviation of suffering wherever it is found.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“The Summons”

TFWS 2130

1. Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me

3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me

4. Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Trough my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me

5. Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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Time for Children

“Tess the Camel”

based on Matthew 2:1-12

Scripture

Matthew 2: 13-23 (NRSVUE)

Barbara Cook

Reader: Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Anthem “Cold the Winter” (Mark Schweitzer) **Chancel Choir**

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Message “Sacred Doing” **Rev. Patricia Abell**

Prayer
We are wells of the sacred. God’s presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week. All we must do in this moment is open our hearts to the Holy One.

Choral Call to Prayer “Emmanuel” **UMH 204**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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Prayer of Intercession

Offertory “Sista Mary Had a But One Child” (arr. Roland Hayes) **Chancel Choir**

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***Doxology** (*sung to the tune of “What Child Is This”*) **UMH 219**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth reflecting the sacred story.
This, this is Christ the One who mirrors love for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

“This Is the Day of New Beginnings”

UMH 383

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| <p>1. This is a day of new beginnings
Time to remember and move on
Time to believe what love is bringing
Laying to rest the pain that's gone</p> <p>3. For by the life and death of Jesus
God's mighty Spirit now as then
Can make for is a world of difference
As faith and hope are born again</p> | <p>2. In faith we'll gather 'round the table
To taste and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new</p> <p>4. Then let us with the Spirit's daring
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment guilt and grieving
Seeking new paths and sure to find</p> |
| <p>5. Christ is alive and goes before us
To show and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new</p> | |

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*Closing Hymn

“Go to the World”

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| <p>1. Go to the world!
Go into all the earth
Go preach the cross
Where Christ's renews life's worth
Baptizing as the sign o
Of our rebirth
Alleluia Alleluia</p> <p>3. Go to the world!
Go struggle bless and pray
The nights of tears
Give way to joyous day
As servant Church
You follow Christ's own way
Alleluia Alleluia</p> | <p>2. Go to the world!
Go into every place
Go live the World
Of God's redeeming grace
Go seek God's presence
In each time and space
Alleluia Alleluia</p> <p>4. Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send
For I am with you
'til the age shall end
When all the hosts
Of glory cry "amen!"
Alleluia Alleluia</p> |
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*Please stand as able

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Questions for Reflection

Like many immigrants today, Joseph took his family across the border when they were in danger. Though they eventually returned to their home country, danger was still a present possibility.

In what ways did Jesus, in his life and ministry, threaten those who held power in his day?

How are we, as we practice the Christian life among present powers, challenging violence and injustice today?

What dream or vision do you have for the world Christ came to save?

Household Prayer: Morning

Creator God, as I begin this day, open my eyes, my ears, all my senses to the beauty around me.

Help me to see how mountains and trees rise up in praise of you.

Help me to hear how the birds of the air, the whales in the deep, and the wild animals on the ground sing your praises.

Help me to join another, or many others, in praise of your glory not only today, but even forever. Amen!

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as the evening comes, and with it the moon and shining stars,

I know that you are the Light in every darkness.

Shine, then, upon anyone who is troubled this night.

Shine, then, upon the troubles I have known.

Help me to put my trust in you, for I am your child, and you have come to help me;
you help all whom you have drawn close.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my brother and Savior. Amen.

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