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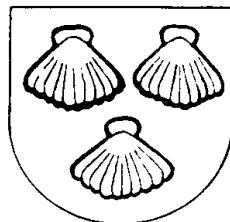


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“Blessed Are...”

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Saint James United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Prelude “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit

“All Who Hunger” (vs. 1 & 2)

TFWS 2126

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers;
Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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Call to Worship

Barbara Cook

ONE: Come, let us walk in God’s ways.

ALL: Let us listen for God’s word.

What does God require of us?

God wants justice.

What else does God want?

God wants faithful love.

Anything else?

God wants us to walk humbly with God.

We will dwell here in God’s tent.

We will sing God’s praises.

Opening Prayer

Barbara Cook

Come, Holy Wisdom, and show us your ways.

In our confusing world, many voices demand our attention.

Teach us to look with your eyes.

Help us walk humbly beside you—doing what is right, speaking your truth.

You alone are our guide and guardian on paths of peace and reconciliation. Amen.

Call to Confession

ONE: Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

Prayer of Confession

Barbara Cook

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Barbara Cook

ONE: 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; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

Passing the Peace The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

UMH 549

1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
by love are we thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other’s faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

6. Love can exclude no race or creed
If honored by God’s name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Maker is the same.

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Time for Children

Eddie Candee

Scripture

Matthew 5:1–12 (CEB)

Barbara Cook

⁵ ¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him.

² He taught them, saying:

³ “Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ “Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

⁵ “Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

⁷ “Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

⁹ “Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.

¹⁰ “Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹ “Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. ¹² Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

Hymn “Open the Eyes of My Heart” **W & S 3008**

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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Message “Glimpses of God’s Kin-dom: Blessed Are...” **Rev. Patricia Abell**

Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

***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’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (vs. 1, 3 & 4) **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!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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*Benediction

Postlude

"This Little Light of Mine" arr. by Calvin Taylor

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Questions for Reflection

How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in your community's life of prayer and service do you see instances of God's justice, peace, and healing? Then give thanks, and ask God, Where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly into all blessedness in the ordinary course of my day?

Household Prayer: Morning

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day.
Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light
shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you led me in the way of life this day and now call me to the way of rest. I give thanks for your light that illumined my path today. Now, it is night. As you beckon me to enter into holy darkness where I am one with you in your realm of uncreated light, I open to you in peace. Amen.

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