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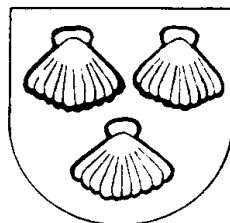


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9:30 am
“Open: Into the Light”

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Saint James United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Prelude "Rhosymedre (or Lovely)" R. Vaughan Williams **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Welcome **Rev. Patricia Abell**

Introit "Thine Is the Glory/Crown Him With Many Crowns" **Handbell Choir**

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Gathering Song of Invitation "Come Out"



1. Come out! Come out of your comfor-ta - ble spac - es.



Come, meet Je - sus in the dif - fi - cult plac - es.

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Call to Worship **Barbara Cook**

Leader: On the long road of our faith journey, we wonder...
People: ...what lies ahead along the path?
Through all our in-between stages of transformation, we wonder...
...where am I going, and where am I growing?
As we search for direction in life, we wonder...
...how can I trust when everything is so uncertain?
Moving into new paradigms and perspectives, we wonder...
...what will be revealed when I open up to new possibilities?
Then the love of the Divine reminds us,
"You too are my child.
You can emerge to renewed life.
Again and again."
Amen.

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

Opening Hymn

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

UMH 454

1. Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me
Spirit divine

2. Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear

Refrain

3. Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share

Refrain

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Time for Children

Edie Candee

Hymn of Preparation

“Are Ye Able” (vs. 4)

UMH 530

“Are ye able?” Still the Savior
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
“Now, as then, in Galilee.”

Lord, we are able!
Our spirits are Thine.
Remold them, make us,
Like Thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
above us shall be
A beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.

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Scripture

Luke 24: 28-49 (CEB)

Barbara Cook

²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. ²⁹ But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

³³ They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

³⁶ While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

³⁷ They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” ⁴⁰ As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish.

⁴³ Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

Anthem “Joy in the Morning” **Chancel and Handbell Choir**

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Message “Open: Into the Light” **Rev. Patricia Abell**

Response to the Word The World Methodist Social Affirmation **UMH 886**

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

Response: Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Praying With Jesus

**Illuminating God, in whom is heaven,
may your name be lifted in the chambers of our hearts.
May the joy of transformation come,
may your plans for us be unfurled here on earth
as it is in the flight of heaven’s glory.
For the strength we need, feed us.
For the forgiveness we desire, and need to give, invite us.
Save us from the temptation
of all that would keep us from you,
and deliver us from those things that seek to harm.
Unwrap your perfect kinship
of love, power, and glory forever.
Amen.**

Offertory

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!”

Handbell Choir and Organ

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*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

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Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

“I Surrender All”

UMH 354

1. All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Refrain

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

2. All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

Refrain

3. All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that thou art mine

Refrain

4. All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Refrain

5. All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to his name

Refrain

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Benediction

Postlude

"Easter" (Fantasia on 4 Easter Chants) Kenneth Lowenberg

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Questions for Reflection

Butterfly Fact: Caterpillars and butterflies have very different eye structures. Caterpillars can only tell the difference between light and shadow, while butterflies can see a huge range of colors - even ultraviolet light!

How does transformation enable us to see the world differently, perhaps with less black-and-white thinking and a broader spectrum of color?

Household Prayer: Morning

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day.

Help me to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill my heart with gladness and generosity, that I may generate good will wherever I go. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day. As I lie down to sleep this night help me to imagine green pastures and still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table before me and filled my cup to overflowing. Amen.

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