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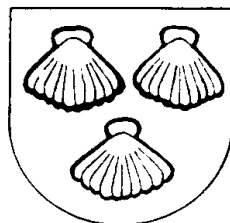
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**“Unwrap: Waking Up”**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville, MD

# WE GATHER

## Prelude

"Partita on "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. by Paul Bouman

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## Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

## Introit

"Come Out"



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



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

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## Call to Worship

*Nancy Janson*

*Leader:* In the silence of the tomb, we wondered...

***People:* ...what force could be stronger than death?**

When our dreams died and our safety nets split, we wondered...

**...what do I do now?**

Stumbling through our days half-asleep, we wonder...

**...will I ever awaken from this feeling of numbness?**

When we hear resurrection stories, we wonder...

**...is there a new beginning for me too?**

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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*UMH 420*

1. Breathe on me breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do

2. Breathe on Me, breath of God  
Until my heart is pure  
Until with thee I will one will  
To do and to endure

3. Breathe on me breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine

4. Breathe on me breath of God  
So shall I never die  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity

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## Time for Children

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## 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

**John 11: 1-44 (CEB)**

**Nancy Janson**

A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.)

<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one whom you love is ill.”

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, “This illness isn’t fatal. It’s for the glory of God so that God’s Son can be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, <sup>7</sup> he said to his disciples, “Let’s return to Judea again.”

<sup>8</sup> The disciples replied, “Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Aren’t there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn’t stumble because they see the light of the world. <sup>10</sup> But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn’t in them.”

<sup>11</sup> He continued, “Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up.”

<sup>12</sup> The disciples said, “Lord, if he’s sleeping, he will get well.” <sup>13</sup> They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus’ death.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died. <sup>15</sup> For your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you can believe. Let’s go to him.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, “Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother’s death. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die.

<sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> She replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, “The teacher is here and he’s calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> He hadn’t entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They replied, “Lord, come and see.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to cry. <sup>36</sup> The Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” <sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Message

"Unwrap: Waking Up"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response to the Word

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

UMH 887

**Leader:** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No!**  
**In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**  
**We are sure that neither death nor life,**  
**Nor angels, nor principalities,**  
**Nor things present, nor things to come,**  
**Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**  
**Nor anything else in all creation,**  
**Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayer for God's People, Church, & World

Nancy Janson

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

Praying With Jesus

**Life-giving 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.**

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH 94**

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**Offering Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Because He Lives”

**UMH 364**

1. God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

**Refrain**  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because he lives all fear is gone  
Because I know he holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because he lives

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

3. And then one day I'll cross the river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know he reigns

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Questions for Reflection**

**Butterfly Fact: A newly emerged butterfly often leaves behind a couple drops of reddish fluid as part of the "waking up" process. This fluid (called meconium) looks a little like blood, but it's just waste material.**

**Have you ever felt pain in the process of transformation?**

**Do we sometimes avoid changes because we want to avoid the pain that comes with it?**

**Household Prayer: Morning**

*Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God Amen*

**Household Prayer: Evening**

*Faithful God, my rock and my fortress, into your hands I commit my spirit. As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant, and keep me in your steadfast love. Amen.*

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