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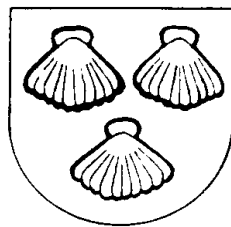


**July 2, 2023**  
**10:00 am**  
**“Quench Thirst”**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Marriottsville, MD

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## WE GATHER

### Prelude

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” arr. by Calvin Taylor

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### Welcome

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Gathering Song

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

**UMH 334**

#### Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

#### Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit  
Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with your love  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

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### Call to Worship

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

L: Welcome to worship today!

**P: Thanks. We are glad to be here.**

L: Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

**P: We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship that are offered here.**

L: Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us.

**P: Let us open our hearts to Christ who welcomed friend and stranger alike. Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

**Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.**

### Prayer of Confession

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

**Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface factors, and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence. That lack of welcome extends further when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

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

## Opening Hymn

“America the Beautiful”

**UMH 696**

1. O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain  
America America God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea

2. O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life  
America America May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine

3. O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears  
America America God mend thine every flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self control  
Thy liberty in law

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## Scripture

**Genesis 22: 1-14 (CEB)**

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!”

Abraham answered, “I’m here.”

<sup>2</sup> God said, “Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you.” <sup>3</sup> Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

<sup>4</sup> On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. <sup>5</sup> Abraham said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you.”

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father?”

Abraham said, “I’m here, my son.”

Isaac said, “Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, [\[a\]](#) my son.” The two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. <sup>11</sup> But the LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

<sup>12</sup> The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and saw a single ram<sup>[b]</sup> caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> Abraham named that place "the LORD sees."<sup>[c]</sup> That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the LORD is seen."<sup>[d]</sup>

### **Matthew 10:40-42 (CEB)**

<sup>40</sup> "Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

**Hymn** "All Who Hunger" **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.

3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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**Message** "Quench Thirst" **Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Pastoral Prayer** **Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Offertory** Armed Forces of America Medley **offered by Clarice Snyder**  
(Taps, Marines, Army, Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy Anthems)  
Arranged by Peggy Duquesnel

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

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**Offering Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of Grace  
**All are welcome here.**  
Come all who thirst for God.  
**All are welcome here.**  
Come all who hunger for love.  
**All are welcome here.**  
Come to the table of grace.  
**Here, God nourishes our souls.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

**TFWS 2241**

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve  
we go in Jesus’ name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor  
God’s favor to proclaim

2. We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free  
Where hope is dim to share a dream  
And help the blind to see

3. We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed

4. Then let us go to serve in peace  
The gospel to proclaim  
God’s Spirit has empowered us  
We go in Jesus’ name

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Land of Rest” arr. by Joseph Martin

**Offered by Clarice Snyder**

### **Questions for Reflection**

The life and witness of the prophets remind us that in challenging times we often choose denial and despair and resort to easy answers. How can we more faithfully discern God's will during times of trial in our life, nation, or church? At the expense of comfort, ease, and half-truths, to whom or to what do you turn for the courage to choose justice, hope, and truth, and what is the reward that you seek?

### **Household Prayer: MORNING**

Gracious God,  
I awake this day in expectation and thanks  
and ask to receive the opportunity to share your hospitality with all whom I meet.  
May I welcome you in serving others and grow ever deeper in holiness and right relationship.  
This is my prayer; this is my hope. Amen.  
Amen.

### **Household Prayer: EVENING**

Steadfast God, you have traveled with me this day  
and have seen those places where I flourished and those where I floundered.  
I give thanks for the gift of finding you at every turn  
and for the gift to learn of my need for you,  
in both times of failure and times of attainment.  
I seek your rest this night, that upon awakening I may find your strength to serve your world with constancy  
and joy. Amen.

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