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March 17, 2023 9:30 am "Lift Up"

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# **Saint James United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

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## **Gathering Up**

**Prelude** 

"What Wondrous Love Is This" setting Sally Drennan Mossing

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Welcome Rev. Patricia Abell

## We Acknowledge What's Up

**Gathering Song** 

"You Raise Me Up"

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas I am strong, when I am on Your shoulders You raise me up to more than I can be

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#### Confession/Assurance

#### Austin Morse

## Leader:

Let us pray together:

ALL: Radically inclusive God, you offer each one of us a life-changing love that leaves no one out.

Sometimes our hearts feel so heavy that we struggle to rise up and claim it. In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you those things we'd like to give up for good... for the sake of The Good.

**Meditative Moment** 

Psalm 51

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Response: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God, Amen!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Austin Morse

Response: As a people forgiven and freed, we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ.

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

## \*Opening Hymn

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

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 Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

#### Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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## Filling Up

What's Up? With Children

Tainya Clarke

The Word Uplifts

**Scripture** 

John 12: 20-33

Austin Morse

**Anthem** 

"Lenten Meditation" arr. by Jay Althouse

**Chancel Choir** 

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Message "Lift Up" Rev. Patricia Abell

## **Building Up**

Prayer for God's People, Church, & World Lord's Prayer

Austin Morse

Offering

\*Doxology

"A Lenten Doxology"
Praise God throughout these forty days
Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

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## Offering Prayer

## **Blessing for the Journey**

\*Closing Hymn

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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**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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Benediction Rev. Patricia Abell

And so now go forth with no limits on love, imagining a mighty Spirit wind beneath your wings that will raise you up to new heights and give you the assurance that you have all you need to be up to something. When someone asks you, "What are you up to?" you can respond,

"With God's help, I'm up to something good!"

Let the people say, Amen! **Amen!** 

Music for Movin' On Up

Postlude "Love Lifted Me"

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#### **Questions for Reflection**

God is at work offering forgiveness, showing mercy, and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation. Where is God enacting that new life within or around you?

What in your life must die so that you may flourish?

What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?

## Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day.

Open my heart to receive this grace that I may be wholly yours,
then give me the courage to share this gift wherever I go
as I seek to walk in your way of mercy, forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.

## Household Prayer: Evening

Forgiving God, who makes all things new,
you know where I have flourished this day, and you know where I have failed.
Help me to know that in all my challenges there is a seed of hope
that enables me to more faithfully depend on you.
May I rest in peace this night and awake refreshed to greet the newness of your day. Amen.

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