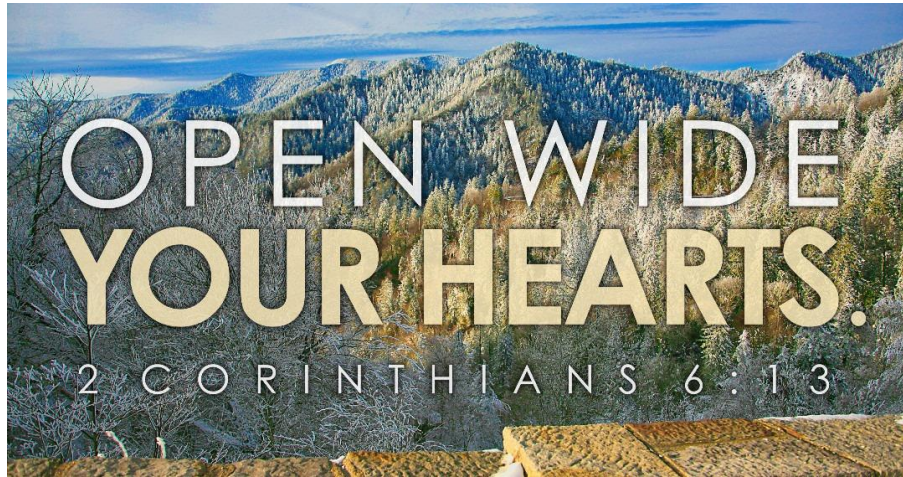


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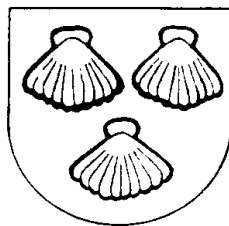


**June 23, 2024**  
**10:00 am**

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## Invitation and Gathering

**Prelude** "Meditation on a Folk Song" arr. by Joseph M. Martin **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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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** **Barbara Cook**

ONE: Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is evening doing, God calls to us...

**ALL: Open your heart.**

ONE: When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships, and we don't know who to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls to us...

**ALL: Open your heart.**

ONE: When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls to us...

**ALL: Open your heart.**

ONE: May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

**ALL: God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in the palm of your hands that we might have the courage to live in vulnerable community with you and one another. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2024.*

**Opening Prayer** **Barbara Cook**

**Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are. We praise you for your faithfulness and for your tender mercies that are renewed every morning. We exalt you, Sovereign One, for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows. Grant us an enduring faith as we strive against oppression and despair. Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic name we pray. Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

**Barbara Cook**

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

"The Gift of Love"

**UMH 408**

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire  
And have the gift to all inspire  
And have not love my words are vain  
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

2. Though I may give all I possess  
And striving so my love profess  
But not be given by love within  
The profit soon turns strangely thin

3. Come Spirit come our hearts control  
Our spirits long to be made whole  
Let inward love guide every deed  
By this we worship and are freed

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**Scripture**

**2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

**Hymn**

"Change My Heart, O God"

**TFWS 2152**

**Chorus**

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

**Verse**

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

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Eddie Espinosa

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**Message**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Prayer of the People, Church & World**

**Barbara Cook**

**Response:** Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Barbara Cook**

**Offering**

**\*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

“Down In My Heart”

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

#### **Refrain**

And I'm so happy, so very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.  
I'm so happy, so very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

2. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

#### **Refrain**

3. I've got the peace that passes understanding  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
I've got the peace that passes understanding  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

#### **Refrain**

4. I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

#### **Refrain**

5. If the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack  
Ouch!  
Sit on a tack.  
Ouch! Sit on a tack.  
If the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack  
Ouch!  
Sit on a tack to stay.

#### **Refrain**

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## Benediction

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## Postlude

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### **Questions for Reflection**

When do you let fear overtake you? How might you relinquish that fear and trust in Jesus Christ?

#### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Whether I wake to birdsong or sirens or the deep silence before dawn,  
I awake to your presence, most gracious God.

Enable me to trust completely in you as I meet the challenges of this new day.  
Make me watchful for your grace at work; may all I do be a testament to your glory.  
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

#### **Household Prayer: Evening**

As I give myself over to sleep, dear Lord,  
I thank you for the gift of rest.

Let me relinquish the cares of the day.

Forgive the ways I have failed you.

Restore me to you and renew my faithfulness,  
that I may awake to serve you more,  
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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