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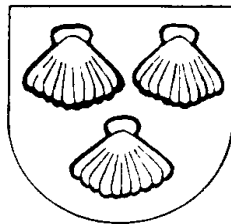


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“TAKE HEART!! With Open Eyes Lifted Up in Joy!”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Saint James
United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“Forest Green” arr. by David Lowe

“Wondrous Love” arr. by Don Phillips

Clarice Snyder

All to Worship

Nancy Janson

Leader: This is the call! Ready yourselves for new life.

People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Get ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Even when rain sets in, open the umbrellas with gratitude and set out anyway.

For we are called to sing, shout, and dance in joy again!

Threshold

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)” (Refrain)

Amazing Love, how can it be, that you my King would die for me.

Amazing Love, I know it's true, it's my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You.

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Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –

Help us to put on our dancing shoes so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

UMH 312

Verse 1

Hail the day that sees Him rise

Alleluia

To His throne beyond the skies

Alleluia

Christ awhile to mortals given

Alleluia

Reascends his native heaven

Alleluia

Verse 2

There the glorious triumph waits

Alleluia

Lift your heads, eternal gates

Alleluia

Christ hath conquered death and sin

Alleluia

Take the King of glory in

Alleluia

Verse 3

See the heaven its Lord receives
Alleluia
Yet He loves the earth He leaves
Alleluia
Though returning to His throne
Alleluia
Still He calls the world His own
Alleluia

Verse 4

See! He lifts his hands above
Alleluia
See! He shows the prints of love
Alleluia
Hark! His gracious lips bestow
Alleluia
Blessings on his church below
Alleluia

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Prayer of Confession (Luke 24:47)

Nancy Janson

**God, lover of us all, you have sent us to proclaim your name to all people.
We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious.
Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to take heart and have courage in Jesus' name.. (Silence).**

Words of Assurance

Nancy Janson

The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and,
in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other.
Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ!
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Nancy Janson

The peace of the risen Christ is with you! **And also with you!**
You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

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Children's Message

Debra Bostron

Clap your hands, all you people! Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!
² Because the LORD Most High is awesome, he is the great king of the whole world.
³ He subdues the nations under us, subdues all people beneath our feet.
⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us: the heights of Jacob, which he loves. Selah
⁵ God has gone up with a joyous shout—the LORD with the blast of the ram’s horn.
⁶ Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our king! Sing praises!

Luke 24: 44-53 (CEB)

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.

⁵⁰ He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. ⁵³ And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

Special Music

“By My Side”

offered by Laural and Stephanie Clark

Publisher: Hal Leonard (October 1, 1983)
 Music & Lyrics: Peggy Gordon, Jay Hamburger, Stephen Schwartz

Message

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Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World

Nancy Janson

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The Lord’s Prayer

Nancy Janson

Offering Invitation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94 Chancel Choir

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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Patricia Abell

Closing Hymn

“Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

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Verse

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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Rick Founds

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Benediction (John 15, 1 John 4)

Rev. Patricia Abell

The poet Rumi invites us with these words...

“Dance, when you’re broken open. Dance, if you’ve torn the bandage off.

Dance in the middle of the fighting...Dance, when you’re perfectly free.”

May it be so as we go in peace;

+And may the Loving God, Risen Christ, and Dancing Spirit fill you with all you need for the days ahead to share faith, hope and be love in the world. And all God’s people said, “**Amen!**”

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” arr. by Alice Jordan

Clarice Snyder

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Questions for Reflection

The Ascension of Christ to be seated at the right hand of God is a grand liturgical celebration in the life of the church. It marks forty days of celebrating Easter and God's triumph over the powers of oppression, depression, and our fear of death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is one of many images we have for Christ: good shepherd, suffering servant, great physician. How does the image of the ascended Christ affect your understanding of who he is? What are the strengths and weaknesses in this image of Christ for you?

A Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, come into my heart this morning
and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule.
Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ,
that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

A Household Prayer: Evening

God, embrace me now at the end of this day.
As in every day, there have been ups and downs, joys and disappointments.
I thank you for my faith that, above it all, you rule.
I put my trust in you as I give this day, now spent, to you.
Do with it what you will, and send your Holy Spirit to pull forward threads from today that you will spin into
good things tomorrow. I pray through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, now and forever. Amen.

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