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The firstfruits of hope (Rom 8:19-25)

September 8, 2024 9:30 am ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Saint James United Methodist Church

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Prelude

"Give Thanks and Lord, Be Glorified" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Welcome Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 3 & 4)

UMH 92

3. For the joy of ear and eye For the heart and mind's delight For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight Lord of all to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

4. For the joy of human love Brother sister parent child Friends on earth and friends above For all gentle thoughts and mild Lord of all to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

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Call to Worship Nancy Janson

ONE: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

ALL: The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Opening Prayer Nancy Janson

Gracious God, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

W & S 3001

- 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace The triumphs of his grace
- 3. Jesus the name that charms our fears That bids our sorrows cease 'Tis music in the sinner's ears

'Tis life and health and peace

'Tis life and health and peace

- 2. My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of thy name The honors of thy name
- 4. He speaks and listening to his voice

New life the dead receive

The mournful broken hearts rejoice

The humble poor believe

The humble poor believe

5. Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb Your loosened tongues employ Ye blind behold your Savior come And leap ye lame for joy And leap ye lame for joy

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Passing the Peace

Nancy Janson

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

Children's Message

Jelinda Blum

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (NRSVue)

Nancy Janson

James 2:1-17 (NRSVue)

Mark 7: 24-37 (NRSVue)

Hymn

Scripture

"He Touched Me"

UMH 367

1. Shackled by a heavy burden 'Neath a load of guilt and shame Then the hand of Jesus touched me And now I am no longer the same **Chorus**

Chorus

He touched me Oh He touched me And oh the joy that floods my soul Something happened and now I know He touched me and made me whole

Since I met this blessed Savior
 Since He cleansed and made me whole
 I will never cease to praise Him
 I'll shout it while eternity rolls

Chorus

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Message Rev. Patricia Abell

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Patricia Abell

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

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

UMH 664

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
 The service is ended; oh, now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

 The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.
- With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
 The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face,
 Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
 Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
 With your feast you feed us; with your light now lead us.
 Unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
 Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"Let the Whole Creation Cry" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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Questions for Reflection

"Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor" (Jas. 2:5–6a). A UNICEF study reports that the United States has the second-highest child poverty rate in the industrialized world, with more than one in five children living in households that fall below the poverty line (http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10_eng.pdf).

What does this mean to you as a person of faith? How might God call the church to respond to this situation?

Household Prayer: Morning

Generous God, you are my maker and I trust in you.

Surround me with your favor today
that I may hear the cry of those in need
and share my resources with the poor;
in the excellent name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good and constant God, I have endeavored to love my neighbor as myself today.

Yet the needs are so great that I find my heart failing and my faith falling short.

In your mercy, let the favor of Christ surround me with strength.

Restore me as I rest in you. Amen.

Resources:

- *Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration Guide, 2024. newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation.
- * The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024; Abingdon Press, 2023.
- *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 © 2015 Westminster John Knox Press.

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