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COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith.

Bring along a sense of expectancy

a vision of high hopes

a glimpse of future possibility

a vivid imagination.

For God's creation is not done.

ALL: We are called to pioneer a future yet unnamed. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.

One: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation, toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

ALL: May we be witnesses to God's future breaking in.

One: Come along with me as sojourners in faith secure in the knowledge that we never travel alone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Holy God, we give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit who abides with us, to comfort, to encourage, and even to push where we need it. Your Beloved Community is built by people of changed lives and hearts. We come through water and the Spirit to participate in this community of peace, justice and love. Open our hearts in this time to the prompting of your Spirit that we might be transformed and made new. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN Take My Life, God, Let It Be #448

Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.

Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.

Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Apostle Paul wrote: " Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Let us confess our lack of love, and our need of grace:

ALL: When we lose patience, when we are unkind, when we are envious, when we are rude or proud, when we are selfish or irritable, and when we will not forgive: have mercy on us, O God.

Help us to not delight in evil, but to rejoice in the truth; help us always to protect, to trust, to hope and to persevere: then shall we see you face to face, and learn to love as you love us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins,
and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

ALL: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE READING: Ephesians 4:20-30 Common English Bible

But you didn't learn that sort of thing from Christ. Since you really listened to him and you were taught how the truth is in Jesus, change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor because we are parts of each other in the same body. Be angry without sinning. Don't let the sun set on your anger. Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need. Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption.

Acts 19:1-6. 11-20 Common English Bible

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul took a route through the interior and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you came to believe?" They replied, "We've not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "What baptism did you receive, then?" They answered, "John's baptism." Paul explained, "John baptized with a baptism by which people showed they were changing their hearts and lives. It was a baptism that told people about the one who was coming after him. This is the one in whom they were to believe. This one is Jesus." After they listened to Paul, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in other languages and prophesying.

God was doing unusual miracles through Paul. Even the small towels and aprons that had touched his skin were taken to the sick, and their diseases were cured and the evil spirits left them. There were some Jews who traveled around throwing out evil spirits. They tried to use the power of the name of the Lord Jesus against some people with evil spirits. They said, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you!" The seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. The evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus and I'm familiar with Paul, but who are you?" The person who had an evil spirit jumped on them and

overpowered them all with such force that they ran out of that house naked and wounded. This became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus. Everyone was seized with fear and they held the name of the Lord Jesus in the highest regard. Many of those who had come to believe came, confessing their past practices. This included a number of people who practiced sorcery. They collected their sorcery texts and burned them publicly. The value of those materials was calculated at more than someone might make if they worked for one hundred sixty-five years. In this way the Lord's word grew abundantly and strengthened powerfully.

One: God is Still Speaking.

ALL: Thanks Be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE By The Spirit: Changed Hearts and Lives

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*Please offer words and signs of peace, which keep safety protocols and social distancing

DEDICATION PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and we shall love our neighbor as ourself.

ALL: We make these offerings as a pledge of our love and loyalty; to God, to each other, and to all our fellow human beings.

We commit ourselves to live in love and to be everyone's loyal servants, in the name of Christ our Servant Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to praise you, Lord.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

THE SHARING OF GRAIN AND GRAPE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Unison: Gracious God, we give you thanks for refreshing and renewing us in this meal with the life of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened by this holy meal we go from here to be disciples: bearers of your word, collaborators with your Holy Spirit, willing followers of Christ's way, and instruments of your kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

CLOSING HYMN I Would Be True #492

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare,
I would be brave for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live,
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.

I would be prayerful through each busy moment;
I would be constantly in touch with God;
I would be tuned to sense God's slightest whisper;
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod,
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

SENDING

One: Go now remembering what we have done here.

ALL: Go now remembering what God has done for us.

One: Go now, into the world where apathy and halfheartedness are dominant, where love too often is hard to find.

ALL: Go now, walking with each other and working with each other in the spirit of love.

One: Be awake, be alert, be alive to the needs around you and to the glory of God in Jesus Christ.

ALL: And may God's peace and joy be with us always.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace"

Worship Resources: [Chalice Worship](#) © 1997 Chalice Press

Announcements:

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Call or email the church office for more information. Everyone Can Participate!

If you are able to donate flowers, please sign up on the Flower chart on the bulletin board in the narthex. We have a lot of openings and would love to have volunteers to donate to fill these spaces.

Mark your Calendars for our next upcoming Chicken Barbeques! July 17th and September 18th.

Bible Study Thursday at 7 pm by Zoom and Thursday at 1 pm in the narthex. We are studying the book of Acts which tells many stories of the early church, *Join us!*

Book Study: Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a time of Pandemic and Beyond by Matthew Fox. Next meeting will be Today, June 6th, at 1:30 by Zoom. During this meeting we will review Chapter 6.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

Thank You for your continued support of our ministry. Checks may be mailed to the church: 450 West Main St Mountville, PA 17554, or click on the Donate button on our website.