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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

GREETING – Psalm 118: 24

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING MUSIC THIS IS THE DAY #84

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are called together by God not because we are outwardly beautiful.

ALL: God chooses us for the beauty in our hearts.

One: We are called together by God not because we wealthy or influential.

ALL: We are called by God for our compassion and humility.

One: God looks not on our outward appearance but on the heart.

ALL: Let us offer our hearts to God in worship.

***HYMN O My Soul, Bless Your Creator #13**

**O my soul, bless your Creator; all within me bless God's name;
Bless your maker, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.**

**God forgives all your transgressions, all who suffer, gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.**

**Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like a mother and a father, God compassionate has been.**

**As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;
To their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.**

**Unto all who keep God's covenant and are steadfast in God's way;
Unto all who still remember God's commandments and obey.**

*** UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: God of the prophets, priests, and rulers who have gone before, we come into your house having heard your voice. In every age you have called your people into community, welcoming saint and sinner alike into the household of faith. Anoint us now with your presence. Rush into our midst on Spirit wings. Establish your reign in our hearts. In the name of the Triune God we pray. Amen.

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE

SCRIPTURE: First Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

God Chooses David

Reverend Patty Dodds

RITE OF ANNOINTING

The Pastor will come into the congregation with oil for healing of body, mind and spirit. Please stand or raise your hand if you wish to be anointed. This may be for yourself and as a channel of God's healing for someone else. You may be anointed on your forehead or the back of your hand. During the ritual, all are invited to make silent prayers for each one who is seeking God's healing.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN Be Now My Vision #451**

**Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart
You my best thought, by day or by night,
walking or sleeping, your presence y light.**

**Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.**

**Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.**

**Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,
still be y vision, O Ruler of all.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength.

ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings.

ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen

*HYMN O Savior, Let Me Walk With You #503

O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumph over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

***COMMISSION**

One: We depart with thanks to God who looks beyond our outward appearance.

ALL: Let us open our eyes to see the good gifts of everyone we meet.

One: We have been anointed with the outpoured Spirit.

ALL: Let us go to bear witness to God's just and loving kingdom.

One: Soon we will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.

***BENEDICTION**

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Worship Resources:

Worship Materials adapted from

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Announcements:

***Our next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday October 31st following the service.**

Guild Fall Rummage Sale will be held on November 19 from 8-2pm and November 20th from 8-12pm. There will also be a variety of soups for sale. Volunteers are needed! If interested in volunteering, please sign up in the Narthex.

Lancaster Fossil and Mineral Club Showcase and Guild sale of soups and baked goods will be held on Saturday, November 6th from 9am-4pm. The Guild will be making and selling soups, drinks, baked goods, sandwiches, and snacks at the Showcase. We will need volunteers to bake desserts and help sell them at the sale.

The Guild will continue to meet at 3 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. EXCEPT in November when there is a conflict with Election Day, we will meet on Wednesday November 3

Next Sunday, October 31st, Scripture 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:-13

Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom. We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

Join us for our study of the book Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together Our next meeting will be October 31st at 1:30pm

Our next movie night will be rescheduled for November

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be November 11th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

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

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