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Luke 1:46-55

Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

Pastor Maddie Tallman

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.

Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.

✠ Gathering ✠

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

THE CHURCH SONG

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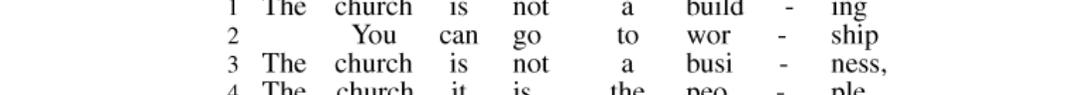
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we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.



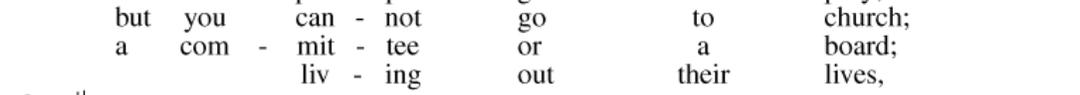
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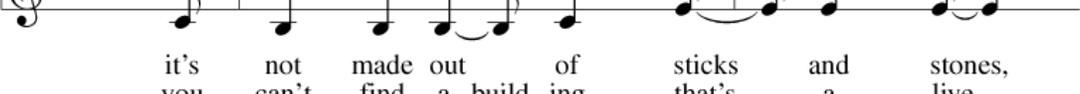
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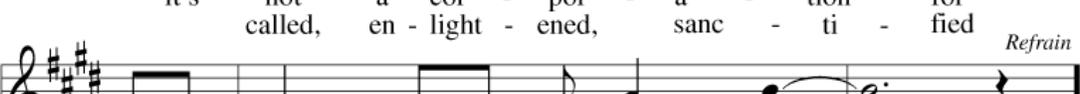
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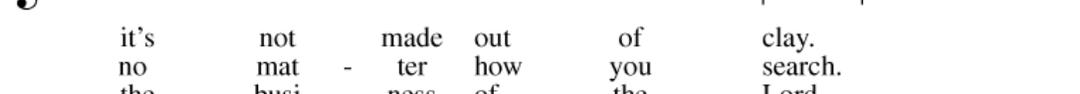
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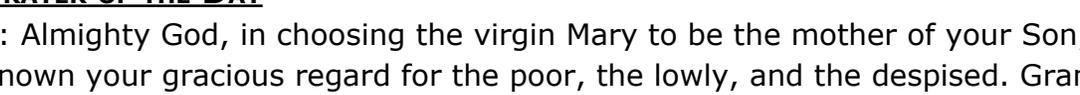
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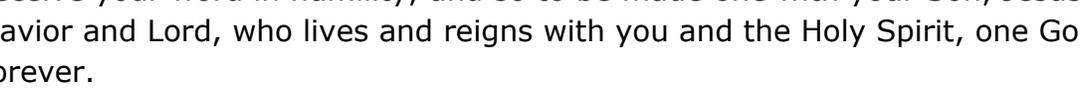
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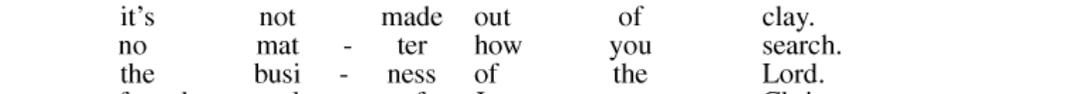


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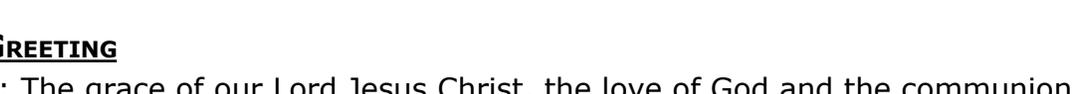


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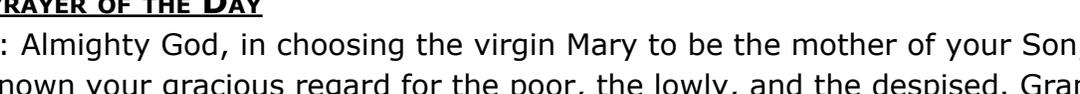
it's not made out of clay.



no mat - ter how you search.



the busi - ness of the Lord.



for the work of Je - sus Christ.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia. Greetings, O favored one! The Lord is with you. The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN

SONG OF THE DAY REJOICE FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - SHINE THROUGH ME - DAVID WHIPPLE, JR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: God, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.

✠Meal✠

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://rb.gy/ryhn0m>; 2) physical checks/cash can be placed in the plate as you enter our service this morning (please alert a greeter if you require assistance); and 3) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!

OFFERING PRAYER

C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and faithfulness endures for age to age... Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray,

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let a greeter know.

While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.

If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

✠Sending ✠

BLESSING

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from ✠ Jesus Christ, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION BUILDER UPDATE

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Preaching/Presiding Minister: Pastor Madeline Tallman
Assisting Minister: Gale Krol
Cameraperson: Brian Hudgins
Greeter: Debbie Jones
Altar Preparer: Gale Krol

Announcements

New Summer Worship and Sermon Series!

The Bible has a lot of unfamiliar characters in it, doesn't it? A lot of folks whose names we may have heard before, but we may know almost nothing about them. This summer, we'll be diving deeper into some of the lives of a few saints in our ancestry of faith.

The Christian church calendar includes various "Feast days" throughout the year, commemorating the life of various early Christians. Their lives inform our own faith today. These saints help to teach us what it looks like to live out faith. This summer, every Sunday will be a feast! A Feast Day that is. Each week we will observe a festival in honor of one of our biblical ancestors, reading scripture that highlights their lives and their witness to Jesus Christ and also reflecting on what it means for us today. Get ready to feast! Here's the schedule for the rest of the summer:

August 15: Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 22: Feast of Bartholomew, Apostle

Upcoming Guest Preachers

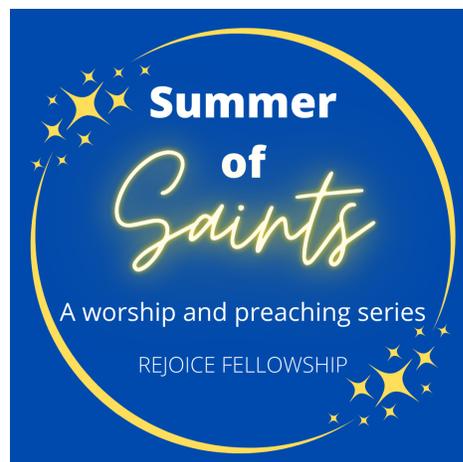
Rejoice Fellowship is blessed to welcome several guest preachers to worship with us in August and September. Here's who to expect in the next few weeks:

August 22: Bishop Bill Gohl

August 29: The Reverend Susan Beck, Community of St. Dysmas

September 5: Brother Ryan Roberts, Order of Lutheran Franciscans

September 12: Deacon Julie Stecker, Assistant to the Bishop for Communications, Youth + Family Ministry



What's Happening This Week

Sun., August 15	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live Fifth Anniversary Celebration after worship
Mon., August 16	
Tues., August 17	
Wed., August 18	Youth Group – 7pm
Thurs., August 19	
Fri., August 20	
Sat., August 21	Annex Work Day