



# REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

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**Matthew 5:13-16**

**Remembering the Early Roman Church**

**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 ✠

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### 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, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news: You are loved and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU**



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

**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: We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we also may pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ✠ Word ✠

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### **FIRST READING**

**Romans 16:1-16, 25-27**

<sup>1</sup>I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup>so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup>Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup>and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. <sup>5</sup>Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. <sup>6</sup>Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. <sup>7</sup>Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. <sup>8</sup>Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup>Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup>Greet my relative Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. <sup>12</sup>Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother—a mother to me also. <sup>14</sup>Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. <sup>15</sup>Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C: Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Alleluia.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

A: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

A: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

**REJOICE FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

## **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✠**

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## **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 ✠

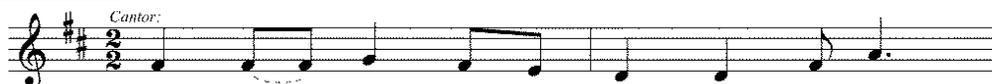
## **BLESSING**

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**

## **BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM**



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:  
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God!	Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God!	Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God!	Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God!	Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple:	Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple:	Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice,	Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land:	Love is the King-dom of God!

### Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MISSION BUILDER UPDATE**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## **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

### **What's Happening This Week**

Sun., August 8	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., August 9	Offering Counted
Tues., August 10	Choir Rehearsal – 7pm
Wed., August 11	Youth Group – 7pm
Thurs., August 12	
Fri., August 13	
Sat., August 14	Annex Work Day Knitting Club – 10am at St. John's Game Day – 2pm in the Vestry Room at St. Alban's

