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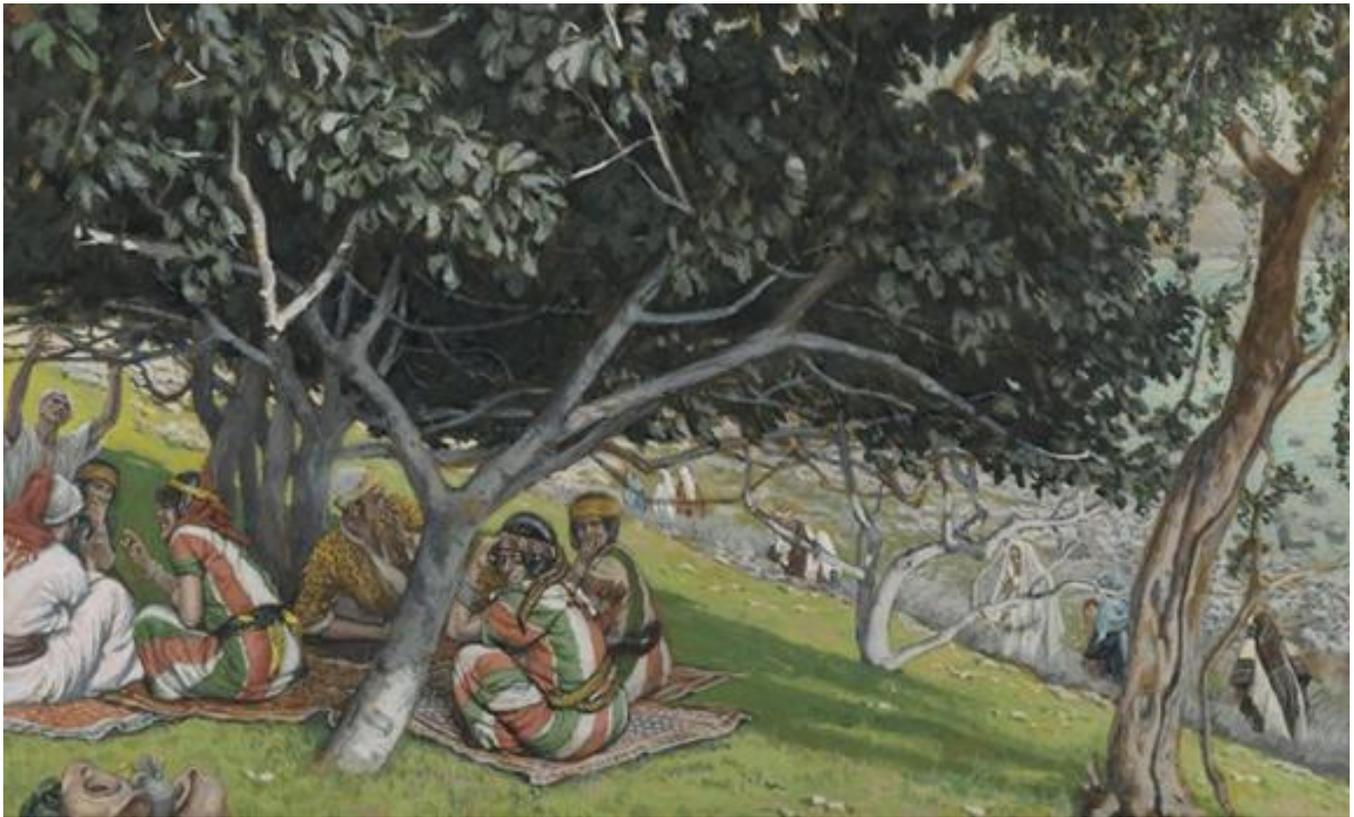
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John 1:43-51

Feast of Bartholomew, Apostle

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.

You are invited to stand.

GATHERING SONG

COME AND SEE

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc

$\text{♩} = 65$ **VERSE**

F C/E B \flat ²/D F/C B \flat ² C⁷

1. Come and see the glo - ry of _ the Lord. Come, be - hold the _
2. Come and give thanks un - to _ the Lord. Come, be - hold the _

4 F B \flat /C F C/E A⁷ A/C \sharp Dm Dm/C

Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of _ the King, ____
Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of _ the King, ____

7 B \flat B \flat /C C⁷ 1. F B \flat /C 2, 3. F

bow - ing down _ be - fore _____ Him. Him. For He is
bow - ing down _ be - fore _____

CHORUS

10 C C/E F B \flat F C C/E F

Lord a - bove _ the heav - ens, Lord in all _ the earth. Lord of all _ the an - gels,

13 B \flat A^{SUS} A Gm B \flat

wor - thy to _ be served. Al - le -

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 and everlasting God, you gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and courageously to preach your word. Grant that your church may proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You are invited to sit.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

27Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31aBut strive for the greater gifts.

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia. You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You are invited to sit.

SERMON

PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: Attend to us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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.

You are invited to stand.

SENDING HYMN

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

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You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
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Filling every part of our praise

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Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

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Open up the heavens we want to see You
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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

Presiding Minister: Pastor Madeline Tallman
Preaching Minister: Bishop Bill Gohl
Assisting Minister: Alyce Cohen
Cameraperson: Teresa Steger
Greeter: Shirley Parulis
Altar Preparer: Joanna Heldreth
Music Director: Jan Brennan
Volunteer Musician: Bob Hudgins
Volunteer Vocal Leader: Tyler Ridenour

Announcements

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 22	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., August 23	
Tues., August 24	Council Meeting – 6:30pm
Wed., August 25	Youth Group – 7pm
Thurs., August 26	
Fri., August 27	
Sat., August 28	Annex Work Day