



March 05, 2017 11am 1st Sunday in Lent

Prelude Ushering in The Light of Christ...

A Time to Gather Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

ONE: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

**ALL: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.**

ONE: On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

**ALL: We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.**

ONE: Come to hear. Come to learn. Come to the hiding place of God.

**ALL: Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.**

A Time to Sing: Lord I Lift Your Name on High **TFWS 2088**  
My Story **on screen**

A Time to Pray:

**Faithful God, strengthen us for the journey ahead. Guide us with your knowledge and your love. Send your Spirit to drive us and guide us where we need to go— ever-closer to you and to your ways. Amen.**

A Time to Sing: Because He Lives **UMH 364**

### Prayers for God's People, Church & the World

*After each petition: "God, in your mercy!" "Hear our prayer!"*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

A Time to Give an Offering ...

*Offertory*

Doxology *Glory Be To The Father* **UMH #70**

A Time to Listen

Scripture In the Garden Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7

In the Wilderness Matthew 4: 1-11

Message Letting Go and Making Room Rev. Patricia Abell

Holy Communion

A Time to Sing: Just A Closer Walk With Thee **TFWS 2158**

Sending Forth with Blessing

\*Choral Response AMEN **UMH 898**

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**We welcome you to worship with us again!**



To our guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or see the pastor. Join us in the overflow room for fellowship time after the service.

### **Calendar of Events at Rockland:**

- Mar 5 - Church Council after Worship
- Mar 8 - Lenten Supper & Bible Study (SJ), 5p *Restored*
- Mar 9 – Thursday Bible Study, 10 am, *Plenty Good Room*, Ch 2
- Mar 25 – Soup Supper, 4-7p

✚ **Pray for those in need:** Latimer Family, Oliver family, Shirley Massey, Joshua Poe, Ken Dobrovolsky, Lois White, Mamie White, Paul & Ruth Cook, Lydia & Jim Roth & Destiny, Glenda Teachey, Carol Lucas, Dale Wagner, Liz Wagner, Shane Mayhew, Austin & Mary Twigg, Shirley Gamber, John Klein Sr, Eric & Cindy, Faith, Jeanea & family, Lexi, Gene & Jaimie Phelps, Bob Dewling, Baby Lincoln and family, Family of Jay & Betty Fisk, Lorraine McShane, travelers

✚ **Pray for our home-bound:** Jack LeBon, Phil McShane, Leslea & Marvin Musser, Sue Stein, Thelma Stirn

✚ **Food Pantry Donations** - Please bring non-perishable items to be donated to our local Maryland Food Bank. The box is located on the bench in the fellowship room. Items needed include, but are not limited to, peanut butter, soups, canned goods and toiletries. Thank you for giving generously to help our community.

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Rockland UMC!

*Let Go and Make Room for God!*





Is a Community that:

Communicates God's Word,

Invites Commitment,

Cares for others, and

Celebrates God's love through witness and service

March 5, 2017

*Letting Go and Making Room for God*



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Sunday Worship at 11:00 am