



March 12, 2017 11am 2nd Sunday in Lent

Prelude Ushering in The Light of Christ...

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

Psalm 121 Right Side **Left Side** **UMH #844, response 1**

A Time to Sing: Shout to the Lord **TFWS 2074**

Chain Breaker **on screen**

A Time to Pray:

Eternal God, Our ever-present strength and help, we come this morning in response to a call we have felt in the marrow of our bones. We may not be sure; we may even be full of doubts and not fully understand how we got here, but we are here. Help us listen with new ears and open hearts. Touch us during this time of worship, that we may know your unconditional love— not just for the world as a whole but for us individually. It is for this that we long and for which we search. Let us find the one thing to let go, so that we make room for you. Amen.

A Time to Sing: We Believe **on screen**

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 Go & be Blessed Genesis 12: 1-4a

The Promise Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

J & N: an encounter John 3: 1-17

Message Letting Go and Making Room Rev. Patricia Abell

A Time to Sing: Freely, Freely **UMH 389**

Sending Forth with Blessing

*Choral Response Freely, Freely (Refrain) **UMH 389**

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 12 - Church Council after Worship
- Mar 15 - Lenten Supper & Bible Study (SJ), 5p *Restored*
- Mar 16 - Thursday Bible Study, 10 am, *Plenty Good Room*, Ch 3
- Mar 25 - Soup Supper, 4-7p

✚ **Shh! It's a surprise.** Gene and Janice Phelps, long time members of Rockland UMC, will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary in April. You are invited to shower them with cards and notes of congratulations. Please send cards and notes to Betsy Phelps, 2167 Archet Lane, Frederick, MD 21702 so they arrive before April 1.

✚ **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, Shirley Gamber, John Klein Sr, Faith, Jeanea & family, Lexi, Gene & Jaimie Phelps, Bob Dewling, Baby Lincoln and family, Family of Jay & Betty Fisk, Lorraine McShane, Family of Austin & Mary Twigg, travelers

✚ **Pray for our home-bound:** Jack LeBon, 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.

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries and work of 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

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Letting Go and Making Room for God



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Sunday Worship at 11:00 am