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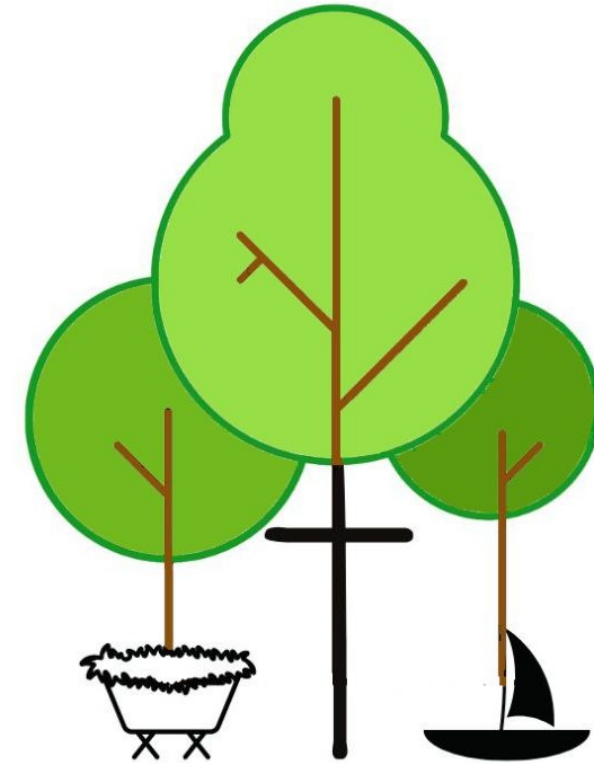
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CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church

April 23, 2023
9:15 AM Traditional
Worship Service

The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Prelude *Prelude in B flat* Bach
Becky Jackson, organ

*Call to Worship Campbell Oakley

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
We come to be Your people, O God.
Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
We come to be Your people, O God.
Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
We come to be Your people, O God.
Made strong in Your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be Yours.
We come to be Your people, O God.

*Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* Hymnal No. 304

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal No. 881
Cal Oakley

*Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father Hymnal No. 70

Opening Prayer Cole Kuntz

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your death and resurrection on Easter You freed us from our sin and became our example of renewed life. Embolden us to follow Your example and be filled with new life on this side of the grave so that we may not become stuck in our ways, but be ever mindful of the movement of Your Spirit making us and all things new. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:4b-9 Pew Bible OT Pg. 2
Casie Kuntz

Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:3-11 Pew Bible NT Pg. 196
Brendan Mongold

*Hymn *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* Hymnal No. 179

*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-49 Pew Bible NT Pg. 91
Samantha Evans

Response:

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Tale of the Three Trees Voices In Praise by Allen Pote and Tom Long

- I. A Prayer for Tomorrow
Siena Chin and Alicia Cho – duet
- II. High on a Hill
- III. The Chopping Song
- IV. Trim the Branches
- V. The Dream of the Tree Came True

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer See Insert
Rev. Geitra Mickelson and Amelia Mickelson

Offering of Tithes and Gifts Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Will Montgomery

*Hymn *Lift High the Cross* Hymnal No. 159

*Benediction

Postlude *Lift High the Cross*
Becky Jackson, organ

** Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.*

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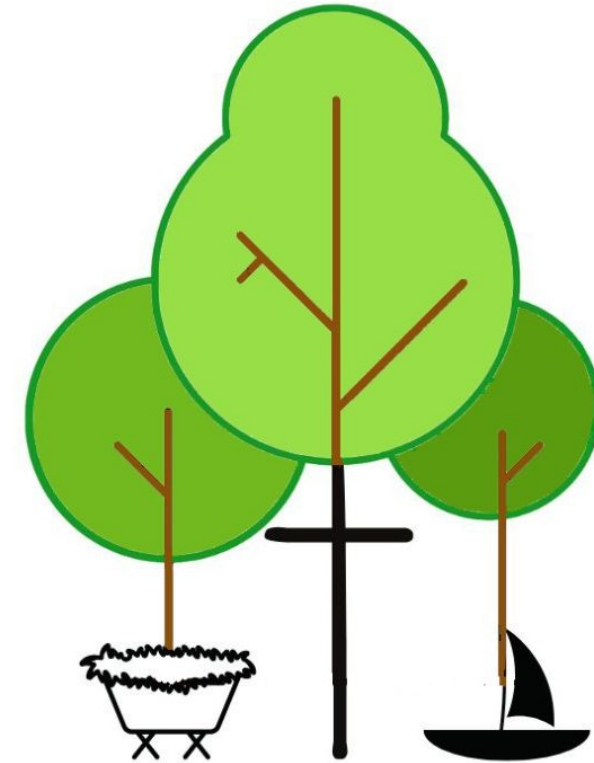
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April 23, 2023
11:15 AM Contemporary
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The Service of Worship

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GATHER

Gathering Dave Brown, Praise Team Leader

Gathering Song *Make a Joyful Noise*

Welcome Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Praise Songs *Fresh Wind
Hymn of Heaven*

GROW

Scripture Readings Genesis 2:4b-9 Pew Bible OT Pg. 2
Philippians 1:3-11 Pew Bible NT Pg. 196
Sarah Pucci, reader

Luke 24:44-49 Pew Bible NT Pg. 91
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Giving Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Will Montgomery

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Closing Song *Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

Sending Rev. Will Montgomery

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Loving God, on this Youth Sunday,
we celebrate Your calling in our lives, even from an early age.
You are a calling God. You have always been and will always be a calling God.
So we remember call stories from scripture:

Adam, called to walk with You
Joseph, called to dream
Esther, called to free the faithful
Samuel, called to serve
Ruth, called to find new faith
Jeremiah, called to prophesy
David, called to slay giants
Mary, called to bear our Savior.

**People: In their youth, uncertain and unsure
They heard and followed Your call.**

Leader: Jesus called little ones to show us the way to the kingdom
He called a teenager to feed the hungry
Called John into the desert ahead of Him
Called fishermen to a new occupation
Called Nathanael to come and see a new way
Called a young man to rise from dead
Called a 12 year old girl to get up and live
Called young women, despised, rejected, to be in His company.

**People: In their youth, uncertain and unsure
They heard and followed Your call.**

Pastor: For Jesus saw and called out of them
Their optimism and imagination
Their courage and adaptability
Their hope and their idealism
Their courage and their sensitivity
Their wisdom and their faith.

**People: In their youth, uncertain and unsure
They heard and followed Your call.**

Leader: Even now, the Spirit calls the young
To stand up for their faith in the face of persecution
To take their talents and skills to places of danger
To raise their voices in songs of protest
To fan the fire of passionate ideals
To build communities of love and compassion
To encourage us all to dream
To minister and serve for the sake of the Gospel.

**People: In their youth, uncertain and unsure
They hear and follow Your call.**

Pastor: For in them are planted the seeds of new possibilities
The gifts for the years to come
The insights that will shape the future
The promises that all things will be made new.

**People: In their youth, uncertain and unsure
They hear and follow Your call.**

Leader: We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus
who taught us to pray together by saying...

**People: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**