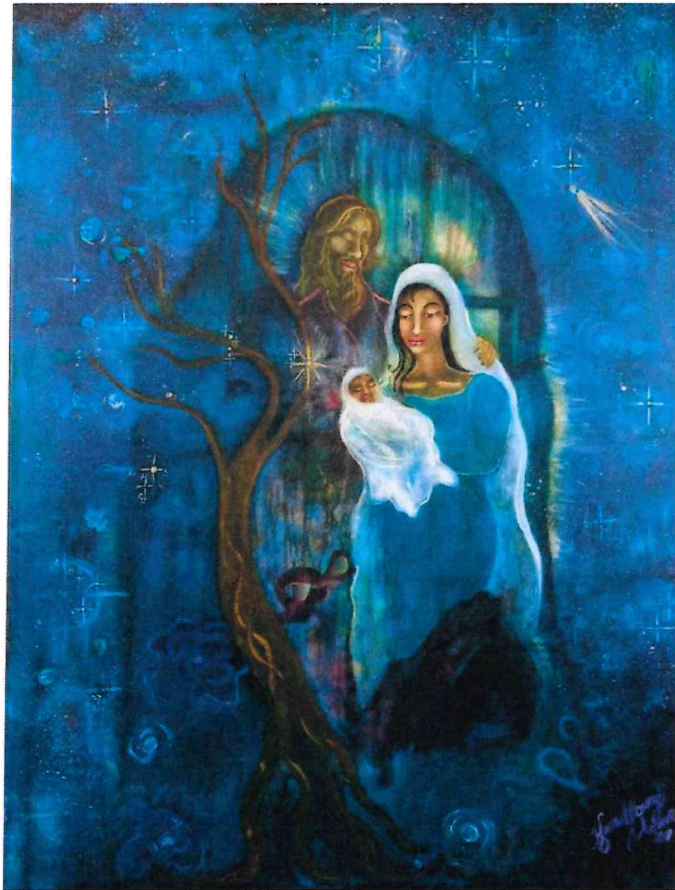


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The Holy Family

Kara Young

July 19, 2026

8th Sunday following Pentecost

Summer Biblical Character Series – **Mary, Mother of God**

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

*Red is the color of Pentecost Sunday,
red flames of the Spirit uncontainable, filling and releasing the faithful at once in hope.*

*Yet the color of the season following Pentecost is green:
the green of steady growth, of the most “ordinary time.” The church began in passionate blaze
of the Spirit, when boundaries of languages and cultures were transcended for a time, and all
heard the good news in their own language. Delight is only part of the story. The work of living
the Gospel depends more on sure, slow, steady patient work, prayer, sacrifice and action. We
savor the Pentecost moments, the joy of being released in the dance of the Spirit, but we live in
the steady gaze of the first disciples who encourage us to grow slowly and steady in our faith.*

*Please stand as you are able; **BOLD** print - congregational response
*All words provided on the screen

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PRELUDE “Mary, Did You Know?”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, you could have come with miracle and magic,
In a flash of light in a hurricane of judgement
So that the universe trembled.

But you chose to come in a baby’s newborn cry.

You chose to make your coming known to working men on a cold hillside;
to wandering scholars, to an innkeeper
and to the beasts of the field.

**Because you came, a baby, born to a young girl,
you brought miracle and magic and mystery into ordinary things.
And the whole creation sings at your coming and is blessed.**

***HYMN #134 “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

***PRAYER**

**Holy One, you gave us the gift of life, you put us in a stunning world,
and you made us free to choose. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World,
you gave us new life and new hope for knowing you.
May that Light shine through our choices, our words, and our acts,
so that others will praise you, source of Light and Love. Amen.**

***SUNG RESPONSE #133 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Vs 1,2)**

***O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;
Yet in your dark streets shines forth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.***

***For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing, and voices ring with peace to all on earth.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, who promised to send a Redeemer,
we confess that we have not trusted your promise,
but have busied ourselves with activities that obstruct its fulfillment.

We give presents, but fail to be present with one another.

We socialize with friends, but fail to welcome the stranger.

We create commotion, and refuse to receive your peace.

**Forgive us, God, for our busyness and our lack of trust. Teach us to wait
with expectant patience for the fulfillment of your promise to us. Amen.**

Moment for Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God who is holy has never had a problem entering into our lives,
when we, like innkeepers, make room for the grace. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Long Awaited One”

John Lucas

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

“Decorating the Tree”

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, or you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called
Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house

of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."^[a] ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"^[b] ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

"Mary, Mother of God!"

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

HYMN #105 **"Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear"** *(Remain Seated)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 **The New Creed**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

God is all about abundance: love that never wavers,
mercy that never fails. Let us offer our gifts generously,
and in abundant love, as a thanksgiving to God.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

#136 "Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonder Child" (2 x)

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;

New life, no hope, the Child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing,

"Glory, glory, glory" let the heavens ring!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we give thanks for all the
beautiful resources you have given to us.

Let these gifts bring glory and honor to you
and beauty and peace to your creation. Amen.

***HYMN #132 "Joy to the World"**

***FINAL BLESSING**

May Christ be your light today, tomorrow and always.
Go with the peace, joy, love and hope of Christ in your hearts. Amen.

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Today's worship elements have been adapted from:

Before the Amen. Tirabassi and Maria Tirabassi, Editors. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2007.

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PRELUDE: *Mary, Did You Know?* Words/Music by Mark Cowry/Buddy Greene. Arrang: Jack Schrader. ©1991 and this arrangement
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HYMNS: *Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear.* Text German Carol paraphrased by Carol Birkland. Tune by Joseph Lieber. Words/ harmonization.
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ALTAR FLOWERS:

Presented to the Glory of God by Linda & Harold Heller in honor of our 54th Wedding Anniversary



For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

MISSION TRIP: WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE MISSION TEAM? Prepaid Visa cards for any amount to help with gas and food for the trip down and back would be a great help. Also snacks of any type would be appreciated. If you can help, please bring the cards and snacks to the office. MISSION TRIP: August 2nd – August 8th @ Appalachian South Folklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia. More information is available in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your support!



In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the widercommunity of what is happening in our church, the Communication Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know. **The month of July “info gatherer” will be Joan Peck at 717-253-1348 or by email: denjopeck@comcast.net**

SUNDAY, JULY 26 AT 10:30AM – ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC at the Gettysburg Rec park Lions pavilion. Bring a dish to share and your chairs. Fellowship will provide the chicken, cold drinks and place settings. Please sign up in the Gathering Area (and choose your chicken). Following lunch there will be an “old fashioned cake walk”. If you would like, please bring an item for the walk. Be aware of the July heat when considering what to bring. Doesn't need to be an iced cake, could be fruit pies, cookies, brownies, breads, etc.

BLESSING ROOM - Monday, July27th from 11:00am - 1:00pm

(*Help needed to set up 10:00am /tear down 1:00pm*). A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area. **REMEMBER, if you use it, they use it!** Please keep the products coming. They have expressed their gratefulness for what we are doing. Thank you for your support! Social Concerns Committee

MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE DIAPERS SIZES 4 & 5.

At the current time we DO NOT NEED toothbrushes and toothpaste. There is a good supply of those items.

STAINED GLASS TOURS: Friday afternoons at 2:00pm and 3:00pm. The tours are free, donations accepted to help fund the Stained Glass Restoration project. **Greeters are needed at the door to welcome the tourists while Carl and/or Jane are giving the actual tours.** Contact the Jane or Carl if you would like to help.

SUMMER OUTREACH: The growing season has begun! Please bring in your excess garden goodies. Those of us with not-so-green thumbs can then share in your harvest by placing money in the jar as "payment" for the fresh produce. **This years proceeds will go to the Independent Living Program of Adams County Children and Youth.** Engage youths 14-20 in Adams County Independent Living services and offer resources designed to support them as they transition to adulthood. More information on this program is available on the Summer Outreach table. Please give generously and enjoy the fresh items.

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ATTENDANCE 7/12: 9:30am 50 ; On-line 166; Total 216

FINANCE REPORT 7/12:

Envelope Offering Need: \$103,936.00 Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$89,512.78

Property Fund Need: \$10,780.00 Property Offering Rec'd: \$4,657.50

**** Please note that last week's Envelope information was incorrect.**

\$84,745.78 was the correct figure (not \$54,745.78)

THIS WEEK

Today, 7/19: Christmas in July

Tuesday, 7/21: NO SPIRITUAL COUNCIL OR CONSISTORY

Wednesday, 7/22: 6:00 pm Worship

Friday, 7/24: 9:30am Flutes – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, 7/26: Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Jen Mickelson

Sara Shank

Mark Luckenbaugh

M. Jane Alleman, Suhua Dong

Carl Barrick, Joe Lysitt

Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/Choir Director

Percussionist

Greeters

Ushers

Acolyte

Tech Team

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,

George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd,

Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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Joseph Mohr, 1818

Transl. John F. Young, c. 1863; alt.

1. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon vir-gin moth-er and child.
Ho-ly in-fant so ten-der and mild,
Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
2. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight,
Glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far,
heaven-ly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia;
Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born.
3. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, Child of God, love's pure light,
Ra-diant beams from your ho-ly face
bring the dawn of re-deem-ing grace;
Je-sus Christ at your birth, Je-sus Christ at your birth.

Stil-le Nacht, hei-li-ge Nacht! Al-les schläft, ein-sam wacht
Nur das trau-te, hoch-hei-li-ge Paar
Hol-der Kna-be im lock-i-gen Haar,
Schlaf in himm-li-scher Ruh, Schlaf in himm-li-scher Ruh!
(Original German text by Joseph Mohr)

Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear

German carol, 15th century

Paraphr. by Carol Birkland, 1993

1. “Gen-tle Jo-seph, Jo-seph dear,
stay with me, for the ba-by’s near;
God will sure-ly your good-ness hear,
as you will love this new-born child,” says Mar-y.
2. “Glad-ly Mar-y, Mar-y mine,
I will cra-dle the child di-vine;
Here will heav-en and earth com-bine,
for you will bear God’s child, O dear-est Mar-y.”
3. “Peace to all and God’s good-will,”
heaven and earth with this song will fill;
Soon will God, in the eve-ning still,
be born in Beth-le-hem, the child of Mar-y.

Matt. 1:18–25

Joy to the World!

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth its prais-es bring;
Let ev-ery heart pre-pare Christ room,
and heaven and na-ture sing,
and heaven and na-ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven and na-ture sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns!
Let all their songs em-ploy;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
re-peat the sound-ing joy,
re-peat the sound-ing joy,
re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
3. Christ rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the na-tions prove
The glo-ries of God's righ-teous-ness
and won-ders of God's love,
and won-ders of God's love,
and won-ders, won-ders of God's love.

Ps. 98:4–9; Luke 2:11–15