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9:00am

Tune In: FM 89.7

**Welcome and Greeting**

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**Prayer for 2020**

*Eternal God, pour your Holy Spirit upon Marion United Methodist Church, the Marion community, and its people. Help us to see where you are leading. Help us to share in your vision for our congregation and community. Help us to be part of the making of disciples. Lead us in being your hands and feet in our community. In the name of Jesus, the holy one of God, we pray. Amen.*

**Hymn**

**Victory in Jesus**

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| <p>1. I heard an old, old story,<br/>how a Savior came from glory,<br/>how he gave his life on Calvary<br/>to save a wretch like me;<br/>I heard about his groaning,<br/>of his precious blood's atoning,<br/>then I repented of my sins and won the victory. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>2. I heard about his healing,<br/>of his cleansing power revealing,<br/>how he made the lame to walk again<br/>and caused the blind to see; and then I cried,<br/>"Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"<br/>and somehow Jesus came and brought to me<br/>the victory. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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*Refrain*

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!  
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;  
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;  
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

**Affirmation of Faith**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture**

**Revelation 2:8-17**

‘And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life: ‘I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death. ‘And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword: ‘I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling-block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practise fornication. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

**Invitation to the Table**

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Confession and Pardon**

**ALL:** *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**ALL:** *Glory to God. Amen*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor: God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our living God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, God of all creation; Source of all mercies, fount of love beyond all measure...  
...and with the whole company of heaven, we join the glad song of unceasing praise:

**People:** **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!**

Pastor: Holy are you, and be your name, gracious God,...

...we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here in Christ's name...

...Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor, glory, and blessing is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Lord's Prayer****Hymn***Standing on the Promises***UMH 374**

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| <p>1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,<br/>through eternal ages let his praises ring;<br/>glory int the highest, I will shout and sing,<br/>standing on the promises of God. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,<br/>when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,<br/>by the living word of God I shall prevail,<br/>standing on the promises of God. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God..

**Benediction**