

Come as you are

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GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SANCTUS: Book of Common Praise #360** “Bless the Lord...”

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Here we are, the people of God gathered from all over this community.

All: We have come to hear the good news

One: and to learn more about being God’s people.

All: We have come, for we are in need of God’s goodness.

One: We have come looking for guidance and deliverance from what holds us back from living full and vital lives.

All: We come as strangers and friends, allies and outsiders, all drawn into the circle of God’s compassion and kindness.

One: We have come because God longs to encounter us and enfold us in love.

All: We have come to worship God. Let us worship together.

***OPENING PRAYER:**

God of grace, as we gather here to worship and learn, to sing and to pray, to build community and restore ourselves for service, be with us. Encourage us to open our hearts and minds to encounter your goodness, and our souls to be buoyed by your loving presence. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: MV#1** “Let us Build a House”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: God always looks at us with the eyes of compassion. Here, in this moment, we encounter the eternal mercy of God and our transgressions are forgiven.

All: We are grateful

***HYMN: VU#229** “God of the Sparrow”

CHILDREN’S TIME

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Jack Glaves “Because He Lives”

LISTENING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:11-15 Reader: Betty Hardyman
John 14:1-7

SERMON: Holy Currencies – Time and Space

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN: VU#567** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

***OFFERING: VU#544** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust”

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of all, we see where the world is harassed and helpless and are moved to show care and compassion. We notice when those around us manoeuvre about like sheep without a shepherd and are tossed about like flotsam on the tide. So we choose to be workers in your harvest, to step out in faith and stand up for what is just, to be bearers of your liberating good news of liberty and love. Abide with and within us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN: VU#578** “As a Fire is Meant for Burning”

GOING FORTH

*BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE: VU#958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"



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*Please stand if you are able.

Acts 16:11-15

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[a] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

John 14:1-7

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going."^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

***HYMN: VU#229 "God of the Sparrow"**

- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
- 5 God of the neighbour God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

***HYMN: VU#567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

***CLOSING HYMN: VU#578 “As a Fire is Meant for Burning”**

- 1 As a fire is meant for burning
 with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
 giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
 but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
 finding neighbours everywhere.
- 2 We are learners; we are teachers;
 we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
 we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
 we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
 we would live to God's delight.
- 3 As a green bud in the springtime
 is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
 mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
 when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
 of God's new and glorious dawn.