

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas

Online Worship

February 28, 2021

PRELUDE "Praise Him! Praise Him!" – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT "Rain Down" – Jaime Cortez

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: **We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: **Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed and renewed!**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God, we come before you thankful that you love us as we are. We are creatures of your hand; we are a community formed by your Spirit. You are the potter; we are the clay. With your sure and loving hands, shape us, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN # 6 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

PASTORAL PRAYER Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (# 305)

MUSICAL OFFERING "Arioso" from Concerto no. 5 by J. S. Bach Susan Wilkes, flute

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth Knowles

Acts 16:9-15 (New Revised Standard Version)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 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. 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. 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.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Changing Lives: Lydia”

Rev. Kevin Pleas

HYMN # 586

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May our Lord Jesus Christ,
The One who came with grace and truth,
Also fill your hearts with grace and truth,
As you serve him in the days ahead.
And may the joy of the Lord — Creator,
Christ and Holy Spirit — be your strength.
Amen**

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in C. BWV 545 – J. S. Bach

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Opening Hymn No. 6 **“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”**

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory.

2. Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory.

3. Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: to God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own God’s power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lod, and Christ alone: to God all praise and glory.

Prayer Response

Hymn No. 305 **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Closing Hymn No. 586 **“Open My Eyes That I May See”**

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!

2. Open my eyes, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.