

spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

John 17: 20-23

20 ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^a so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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June 1, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

One: Let the Creator be home among us
All: In our hearts, may God be welcome
One: May God’s love shape our every thought
All: May our actions lead to God’s justice
One: May our words be words of life
All: May God’s Spirit lead us
One: May God’s peace dwell within us
All: Amen.

Hymn “Crown Him With Many Crowns” **#234**

Morning Prayer of Approach

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to love beyond all social and cultural difference and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

Act of Praise

“Doxology”

#46

Special Music

Stephanie Kramer

Children’s Time

(after Children’s Time the children are welcome to go downstairs for faith activities.)

Scripture

Acts 16: 16-34 & John 17: 20-23

Sermon

Rev. Wendy Schindler-Chasney

Hymn

“Where Cross Crowded Ways of Life”

#665

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

“God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

#439

Benediction

One: Living in the love of Christ, be open to God calling you into a new ministry.
All: Jesus Christ has already given us into the arms of a loving God.
Therefore we go in the Spirit of peace. Amen.

Closing Song

“Eight Fold Amen”
Alleluia (4x)
Christ is Risen (4x)

Postlude

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Morning Scriptures

Acts 16: 16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the