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Welcome

Opening Words Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey
God holds out to us the promise of new life: Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning. God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage. In worship, we can begin to accept this gift of new life. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn Binder #13 "All Are Welcome"

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, in our midst and in the world. We pray we might live your love into the whole world, not just the part of it that's easy. We pray for open hearts and minds so we might not judge people but affirm them as wonderfully created in your image. And on those days when life is hard for us, we pray we will be reminded that we too, are wonderfully created in your image. Amen

Opening Response Binder #19 Make Us One

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Folk Choir
"Draw the Circle Wide" Gordon Light
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Readings:

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also

heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Holy One; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Holy One, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Holy One Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Binder #56 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How shall we join God’s work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #57 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Benediction

Postlude "Spirituoso" Alessandro Scarlatti/arr. Kevin Norris
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