



Prelude "Fanfare and Chorale on Abbot's Leigh" Robert Hobby
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Welcome

Opening Words

We gather this morning,
some filled with the joy of a new day,
some worn out by the world.

One and all we gather here.

For some of us, the hours are heavy with grief and anxiety
For some, anticipation brings us to our feet in dance
Each on a journey that brings us together

One and all we gather here.

Led by the wonder of love and compassion,
We arrive - bringing our sorrow and joy, our burdens and dancing bodies.
God among us and in us.

One and all we gather here.

Opening Hymn Binder #18 Gather Us In

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God – in our midst and in the world. We pray that when the visions come – and we know they will – we pray we will respond with curiosity and courage. Guide us as we join your work in the world. Comfort us when we fall short. Celebrate with us when we create spaces of justice and compassion. Fill our hearts with your love. With thankfulness we pray. Amen

Opening Response Binder #59 God Welcomes All

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir
"Reign" Steven Aldredge
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Reading:

Acts 16: 9-15

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 worshipper 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 Holy One, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Binder #60 "Draw the Circle Wide"

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 #14 "For Everyone Born"

Benediction

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