

A Time Together & Apart Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022

WELCOME ~ What happens after God calls us into the life of faith? Today's story of Paul's conversation with Lydia, and Revelation's insight that when God is our light, we can see clearly even in the night, take us deeper on the journey of faith.

OPENING MUSIC

God Will Make a Way

Joy Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and join in the conversation!

People: Here, we listen to God's voice with ears, hearts and minds,

Pastor: What is God saying to us today, through this person?

People: What is God saying to me in this vision or dream?

Pastor: God, help us to listen well and deeply,

People: May we hear you, and may we follow Jesus.

HYMN

He Leadeth Me

#128 (1&2)

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain

SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH

Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5

Jen Yakunovich

UNISON PRAYER

God, we do not always hear your voice. We are so busy, and our minds are occupied with so many things, that we can't hear anything else. Lord and help us to listen. Help us to quiet our minds enough to hear what you are saying to us. May we take your message deep into our hearts. May we contemplate your vision with the fullness of our minds. And may we take action in ways that bring your vision to life both in our individual lives and in the community and world around us. With Jesus's guidance, we pray, Amen.

MOMENTS OF QUIET MEDITATION

SGO

What is your vision for the church?

In what ways do you see God acting here, in our midst?

How will you participate in this holy vision?

(Let us spend a few moments of silence in God's presence.)

SUNG RESPONSE

Open Our Eyes

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Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

READING FROM THE WORD

Acts 16:9-15

SERMON

God's Vision & Guiding Light

Rev. Shirley Oskamp

HYMN

Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come

#725

1 Arise, shine out, your light has come, unfolding City of our dreams.
On distant hills a glory gleams: the new creation has begun.
3 From walls surpassing time and space, unnumbered gates, like open hands,
shall gather gifts from all the lands, and welcome all the human race.

5 The dancing air shall glow with light and sun and moon give up their place
when Love shines out of every face: our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CLOSING MUSIC

God Leads Us Along

Ann Reed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 2:00pm on Bobbie Fillioe's porch as well as via ZOOM. Join us as we read and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

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