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Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Duet

Largo

Veracini

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn

Come, let us all unite to sing

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- 1) Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.
Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love.
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,
let ev'ry heart sweet music make,
and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.

God is love! [God is love!] *God is love!* [God is love!]

Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

- 2) O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love.
In Christ we have redemption found, God is love.
His blood has washed our sins away,
his Spirit turned our night to day,
and now we can rejoice to say that God is love. *(Refrain)*
- 3) How happy is our portion here, God is love.
His promises our spirits cheer, God is love.

He is our sun and shield by day,
our help, our hope, our strength and stay;
he will be with us all the way, our God is love. (*Refrain*)

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

Song

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#610 Voices Together

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas Andrew Dorsey

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- 1) Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2) When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3) When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

Time with Our Children

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts of Giving

Galatians 5:13b-14

By love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word,
even in this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

If With All Your Hearts

Mendelssohn

If with all your heart you truly seek me, you shall ever surely find me. Thus saith the Lord.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:9-15 (NRSV)

⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

Song

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

#754 Voices Together

"Lord, Be Glorified" by Bob Kilpatrick

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- 1) In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2) In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

- 3) In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4) In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Sermon “Grateful and Gracious Lydia”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*** Closing Hymn** *I love to tell the story* # 398

- 1) I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

- 2) I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *[Refrain]*
- 3) I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *[Refrain]*

*** Benediction**

Organ Postlude *How Firm A Foundation* George Blake

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