

Prelude

Medytacja (Meditation) Op. 53 Daga Suchoń, violin • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano by Eliza Markowska

Words of Welcome

Introit O God, You Are My God

No. 743

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

We Praise You, O God

No. 612

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

*Call to Confession Michael Hegeman

*Confession

God of abundant love, we know that your world and our lives are in need of your peace. Forgive us for the ways our thoughts, words, and actions get in the way of that peace. Nudge us toward being more loving and draw us closer to your ways. Help us to know you more completely.

(silence for personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response Rain Down No. 48

Rain down; rain down;

rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down;

rain down your love, God of life.

*Passing of the Peace Leah Quarles

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message Pastor Mike & Pastor Leah

Children pre-K-5th Grade leave for Church School. 6th-12th Grade Youth will remain in worship with their families. Nursery is available.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

No. 486, v. 2

Child of love, our love's expression, Love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; Into joy and laughter lead.

Offering

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Offertory Andante espressivo by Amy Beach

Daga Suchoń, violin • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

*Doxology (Old Hundredth, No. 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication Leah Quarles

Scripture Reading Acts 16:11-19 Pew Bible, NT pg. 136

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Song of Preparation

God of the Women (sung to the melody of Be Thou My Vision)

God of the women who walked Jesus' way, Giving their resources, learning to pray, Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more, May we give freely as they did before.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all, May we be joyful in answering your call, Give us the strength of your Spirit so near, That we may share in your ministry here.

Sermon

Women of the Early Church: Lydia & Enslaved Girl Erik Khoobyarian

Silent Reflection

Anthem

The Lone, Wild Bird
Summer Choir, Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director
Daga Suchoń, violin • Benjamin Sidoti, piano

by Jessica Nelson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight, Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight, And I am thine, I rest in thee, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of Earth are in thy hand, The sea's dark deep, and far-off land. And I am thine, I rest in thee, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Common Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Michael Hegeman

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

No. 463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*Charge & Benediction Erik Khoobyarian

*Sending Music Prelude in e minor by N. Bruhns
Benjamin Sidoti, organ

*Please rise.

Scripture

Acts 16:11-19

The Conversion of Lydia

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.

Paul and Silas in Prison

16 One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But 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.

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About the Music

Expanding on the theme of "Women of the Early Church" sermon series, the majority of the music selections this month are by women composers. Our Song of Preparation, "God of the Women," comes from "Gifts of Love" hymnal, and the words were written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

Motes of Interest

Ushers are Colby Barritt, Brooke Davis, Rick Hess, Kurt Lawrence, Matt Sidoti, and John Trautman; **Head Usher** is Adam Rogers.

The Flowers are given by Mary & Chuck Goldthwaite in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

Hospitality members are Carol Baker, Lori Wertz, and Suzanne Wertz.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Kristi, diagnosed with breast cancer;
- For the health of our unborn fetus;
- For Crystal, dealing with back pain;
- For Karen, having surgery for an unknown abdominal mass;
- For Roger, with health issues;
- For Evelyn, on the loss of her husband;
- For Leon, traveling to Poland, and his family in Poland;
- For Lee, who had two strokes and has dementia and his wife Marjorie;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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