

February 5, 2023

PRELUDE

Stephanie Shorden

GREETING

Rev. David Petty

***THRESHOLD SONG**

"Let Us Be Drawn In"

Leader: In world of the driven

People: Let us be Drawn in

Leader: Let your love be a given

People: Let us be drawn in

Leader: To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem. For the sake of the livin'

People: Let us be drawn in

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

CLM Twinkle Gordon

Leader: Co-Creating God, you sometimes present us with different plans.

People: Open us to the idea that you might have something in store for us that we have not previously been able to imagine.

Leader: Draw us into your surprises.

People: Give us the courage to get out of our own mold.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We shall rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN**

Open My Eyes that I May See

UMH #454

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me, place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

MYSTERY BOX

HYMN

Step by Step

David Strasser

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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.

PASTORAL, SILENT, AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

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 trespasses, as we forgive those to trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

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Invitation to Offering

CLM Twinkle Gordon

OFFERTORY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF THANKS & DEDICATION

Rev. David Petty

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:6-15

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They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 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 therefore 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 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. 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditations of all of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

MESSAGE

Drawn In: Week Four — Listen

Rev. David Petty

COMMUNION

***HYMN**

On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in His shadow for life Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you And famine will bring you no fear Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

***And He will raise you up on eagles' wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand***

***You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day Though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come***

***And He will raise you up on eagles' wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand***

***For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways Upon their hands they will bear you
up Lest you dash your foot against a stone***

***And He will raise you up on eagles' wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand***

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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