

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Melinda Sciera

*Call to Worship

Susan Carney

Leader: In the long nights and cold seasons of life, God calls us to hope.

People: We come with hope, trusting in God's presence.

Leader: When life feels like a prison, God still hears our prayers.

People: We come trusting that God is with us.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God.

People: We worship with hope, joy, and faith in the living God.

*Praise Songs:

Praise Band

Prayer

Susan Carney

Faithful God, in every season of life, we turn to You. When we feel trapped or afraid, give us hope, courage, and joy. Open the doors that hold us back. Fill us with a joy that does not depend on circumstances, but is rooted in Your faithful presence, and teach us to trust You, even at midnight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem:

Choir

Children's Moment

Melinda Sciera

*Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH 117 (vv. 1,2,6)

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:22-31

Susan Carney

²² The crowd joined in the attacks against Paul and Silas, so the authorities ordered that they be stripped of their clothes and beaten with a rod. ²³ When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care. ²⁴ When he received these instructions, he threw them into the innermost cell and secured their feet in stocks.

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison's foundations. The doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul shouted loudly, "Don't harm yourself! We're all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He led them outside and asked, "Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Midnight Hope

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Susan Carney

The Lord's Prayer: 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: "My Hope Is Built"

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*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able