



FIRSTCHURCH
UNITED METHODIST

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3 Great god of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Recognition of Children's and Youth Sunday School Teachers

High School

Rev. Minyoung Han, Joseph Ripp, Melissa Baldago

Middle School

Lisa Kiesner, Kerry Hamelink

Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5

Sally Huck, Mariah Rios

Substitutes

Jennifer Matera, Jessica DeBoer, Rhonda Coats

Sunday School Assistance

Mary Rhodes, Denise Taylor

Coordinator of Children and Family Ministry

Pamela Garside-Meyers

Special Music (8)

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

M. Larkin

David Schripsema, violin; Betty Schripsema, piano

Anthem

“Abide in Me”

Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir, Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director;

Margaret Lucke, piano; Pamela Garside-Meyers, flute; Christina Rios, bells

Chancel Choir Appreciation

Scripture

Acts 16.9-15

8:00 Kathy Holster 10:30 Shirley Edwards

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.

Message

“Improbable Outcomes”

Rev. Dr. Susan Patterson-Sumwalt

Prayers

Rev. Minyoung Han

Offering

Benediction

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Postlude