

# SUNDAY SERVICE FOR MAY 29, 2022

PRELUDE “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” -arr. A. L. Page

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 97*)

One: The Lord is sovereign! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**All: Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of the holy throne.**

One: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy name!**

• OPENING HYMN #64 “We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God”

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

**You, O Holy One, are the Breaker of chains and the Bringer of life; yours is the hand that frees and feeds us. It is in the power of such Good News that we open our hearts in prayer before you. Remind us always that your work, revealed in Jesus Christ, has set us free from that which would hold us back from knowing your fullness; we are yours and heirs to your Promise. Remind us, too, that such freedom comes with the weight of obligation. Your vision is of the beloved community. Give us the strength of faith to live each day on behalf of those you have made our neighbors: young and old; close at hand and far afield; those who are like us and those who are unashamedly different from us. Help us not only to taste your life, but to revel in its fullness. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

• RESPONSE #41 “Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.**

**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.**

*(Repeat as necessary)*

• GREETING TIME (*As we greet each other please be respectful of each other’s comfort level.*)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Great Is the Lord”

FIRST READING

**Acts 16:16-34** (*page 136*)

SERMON “Freed! For What?” *Rev. Tom Payden*

CHORAL ANTHEM “Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise” -J. Althouse

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

*(Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through VANCO MOBILE on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.)*

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE #382 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (*Verse 1*) (*Sung by all*)

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AN OFFERING OF PRAYER (PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 #344 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION Romans 12:9-18

POSTLUDE “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” -arr. W. Held

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*If not, please leave the Sanctuary quietly.*

## **Acts 16:16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 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. 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. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## CHORAL ANTHEM

### **“Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise”**

Joyful, joyful, sing praise.  
Lord, we raise our voice in gladness.  
We know Your love from heaven above.  
We know Your blessings are glorious.  
In every heart how great Thou art. Forevermore victorious.

Joyful, joyful, sing praise. Lord, Your gifts are never ending.  
Beneath the skies creation lies in all its splendor and glory.  
You make us whole; You fill our soul. We sing Your wondrous story.

Great is the Lord who reigns above all nations, loving and caring and  
wise.

Great is the Lord, majestic and triumphant.  
Let us now magnify, honor and glorify: our voices rise.

Joyful, joyful, sing praise. Lord, we raise our voice in gladness.  
We know Your love from heaven above.  
We know Your blessings are glorious.

Joyful, joyful, sing praise. Lord, Your gifts are never ending.  
Beneath the skies creation lies in all its splendor and glory.  
You make us whole; You fill our soul.  
We sing Your wondrous story, the glory of God.

Joyful, joyful sing praise...  
Sing to the Lord a joyful song of praise!