

Worship Outline
Easter 4
May 12, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Sweet Peace
Livingston

Introit

Within These Walls
West

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Who does God choose?

Who does God trust?

Who does God equip?

You. Me. Us.

**We are Chosen, trusted,
ready to be equipped.**

As Paul and Barnabas were before us,

we are God's feet, hands and eyes.

In worship we come,

ready to serve and be served.

+Gathering Prayer -

Let us pray...

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace
you have called us to this time and place
to be your servant people
as we follow our servant Lord.

Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us,
that together we may live a new life in Christ.

Bind us together in faith,
so that as we receive all spiritual gifts
needed to fulfill our calling,
we may support one another in common ministry;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession -

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence is kept.

**In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Assurance -

As God's own people,
be merciful in action,
kind in heart, humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive
as freely as God has forgiven you.
And, above everything else, be loving,
and never forget to be thankful
for what Christ has done for you. Thanks be to God.

+Welcome and the Peace -

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+Gathering Song 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination -

Give the kids time to get back to pews etc.

Let us pray.

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God,
that these words might speak to us as your word,
and our lives bear witness to the good news
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture -

Acts 13: 1-3; 14: 8-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

13:1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul.

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

14:8 In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. 11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. 14 When the apostles Barnabas and Paul

heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, 15 "Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; 17 yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." 18 Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Martin

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

Let us celebrate ordinary things

and the actions we are capable of doing.

Let us celebrate community

and the life that brings to justice and renewal.

Let us celebrate each other

and the worth each has in a diversity of gifts.

Let us celebrate worship

and the love we have together

to refocus and offer God who we are.

Let us celebrate our voices

and the truth they can speak into the power of the world.

Let us celebrate our breath

and the continual renewal of the spirit within each of us.

Let us celebrate God's story

and the invitation to live into it and transform the world.

Let us celebrate bread and wine

and the inclusion of the lost and the welcome of the stranger.

Let us celebrate ordinary things

and the actions we are capable of doing

that bring Jesus among us.

+Hymn 312

Take Us As We Are, O God

Reception of New Members

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Welcome

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Choral Prayer Response

"Kum Ba Yah"

arr. Judith E. Teisback

Handbell Choir

Offering

Invitation -

In our life together, what can you give to build up the community? Some can create, some can provide compassion and care, some can nurture young people, some can lend their hands in service, and many of us give of our resources in support of the ministry of the church. This is a time to offer your gifts. With joy-full hearts, let us present signs of our own identity as disciples of Christ.

Offertory

Through It All

Crouch

+Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore,
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

+Prayer of Dedication -

With thanksgiving, God, we offer these gifts. Please receive them and help us translate this offering back into ways of building up this congregation and the ministries to which you call us. Use us, our talents and our treasure, to proclaim the Good News of your love, which we know best in Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

+Blessing and Charge (responsive)

Who are we that we should be called disciples of Christ?

We are ordinary people, the ones called to follow.

Who are we that we should be used by God in the service of Christ?

We are ordinary people, the ones called to serve.

We have come to follow and we go now to serve!

We go as the ordinary people called do God's extraordinary work.

The blessing of God be with us all, always.

+Congregational Benediction 591 (refrain)

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Chaconne
Couperin