

# **Covenant Community Church**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 29, 2022**

**Eastertide**



## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

**People: Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Leader: Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

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Leader: Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift

**People: Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Leader: Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and Omega.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

\*Confession

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and beg God's mercy for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness

In the compassion of the God who prays for us, with us, and in us, you are forgiven, for the sake of the one who was sent to show us the face of love and who died and rose, one with the Father and with us.

\*Opening Hymn

#56 For the Beauty of the Earth

\*Opening Prayer & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

## **We Hear the Word**

Scripture:

Acts 16:16-34

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

## **We Respond**

Interlude

\*Hymn

#299 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **We Are Sent into the World**

\*Closing Hymn

#751 We Shall Overcome

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**People: Praise be to God!**

\*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Acts 16:16-34

16 One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. 17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved."

18 This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her.

19 Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. 20 "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. 21 "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice."

22 A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. 23 They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. 24 So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! 27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." 32 And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. 33 Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. 34 He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

### **Helping Us Worship**

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