

## May 15, 2022

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Johann G. Naegeli/Marilynn Ham  
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner  
Introit Chancel Choir  
"Canticle of Praise" Anna Laura Page

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Come to praise God, all you faithful people! Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

**P: Praise to God, who rules over all the earth. Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.**

L: Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God. God created them and established for each a place.

**P: God has a place for us in this world; we have come that God may instruct and equip us.**

L: Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God. Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

**P: God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of one family all who dwell on earth. Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH#548

Opening Prayer (unison)

**We praise you, O God, and celebrate your presence with us. Your glory fills all heaven and earth, all time and space. Your gifts surround us and dwell within us. We are your children. Come to wipe away our tears and comfort us in our distress. Come to heal our divisions and overcome our prejudices. Come, that we might be loved into discipleship. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" UMH#561

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 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.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart  
Offertory "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Afro-American Spiritual  
\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us – a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.**

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Anna Laura Page

Scripture Lesson Acts 11: 1-18

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "Make No Distinction" Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (see insert)

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"The Family of God" William J. Gaither



*Altar Flowers are given by Jerry & Judy Mahan  
in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 20<sup>th</sup>.*

# Scripture Lesson – Acts 11: 1-18

## Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

**11** Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, **3** saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" **4** Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5** "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. **6** As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. **7** I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' **8** But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' **9** But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' **10** This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. **11** At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. **12** The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; **14** he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' **15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. **16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17** If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" **18** When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."



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### Worship Team

Ushers	Bill Turner, Mike Tittle, Rick Smith, Butch Smith
Greeters	Dick Montgomery, Sandy Pramer
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing, Will Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw



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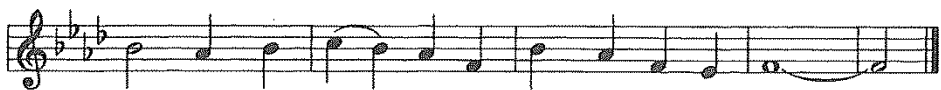


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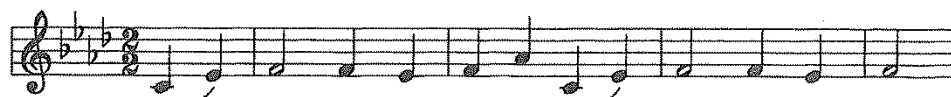
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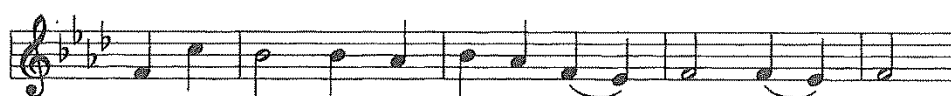
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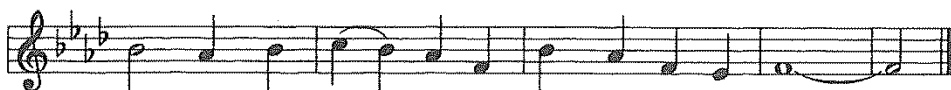


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