

May 5, 2024

Announcements:

David Tom

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

“Glorify Thy Name”

Donna Adkins, Arranged by Mark Hayes

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Call to Worship: *

Jeri Dumholt

L: It is not difficult to be God’s beloved child.

P: We are called to obey God’s commandments and live in God’s love!

L: The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

P: The love of God shall conquer the world.

L: Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

P: Praise God for God’s power and might, God’s love and peace. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: *

“Have Thine Own Way Lord”

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Opening Prayer *

Jeri Dumholt

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us — into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us — in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Philip

Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing.

So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Reflection *

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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Message:

“What A Day”

Pastor Philip

We Share Our Gifts

Music During Offering:

Michael Snyder

“When We All Get to Heaven”

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Doxology: *

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“Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”

Communion:

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Music During Communion:

Michael Snyder

“How Deep is the Father’s Love for Us”

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *

“Something Beautiful” (x2)

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Benediction:

Music for Going Forth:

Michael Snyder

“Do Lord, Remember Me”

Jason W. Krug, Tune: DITMUS, Traditional Spiritual

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