



## PRELUDE

Nocturne Op. 37#1 (excerpt) Chopin

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adult Ed class concludes tomorrow
- Children's Programing in June
- Rummage Sale is coming...
- Thank you Rebuilding Together team
- Water to Wine returns

## CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Aleta Parker

Choir Director: Steven Schaefer

Pianist: Kenn Willson

Flowers: Susan Stevens-Garcia

Technical Director: Chase Ryan

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Diana Butler Bass (Twitter, 5/17/2022)

Steady on, good friends. Bend that arc. Stay the course. God is a God of love and justice.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jess Reynolds, Love Like Thunder

Love is calling for liberation.

**Love is hoarse from calling,**

her voice raw from the decades

she has spent chanting at protests

**and speaking from pulpits**

**and singing the songs of freedom.**

Love is weeping into a white candle

she cups in her hands at a vigil

**for one more Black life lost,**

**ripped away, gunned down, forgotten.**

She is holding the hands of a grieving mother

**and praying aloud for peace.**

This is where Love shows up,

**where Love has always shown up.**

She is tugging at our hands and sleeves, begging us to lay down our egos

**and take up our courage  
and dedicate our lives to justice.**

## OPENING HYMN

Come! Live in the Light

#749 all verses

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and Youth are dismissed.

## SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 97:8-12**

(transliteration from Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill)

Heaven delights and rejoices when

A hardened heart breaks open and

Recognizes Love's ever-present

Presence abiding within.

For you, O Beloved, encompass and bless

all the earth; You forgive our

wrongdoings and welcome us home

You, O Beloved, are known by those who

are true to the Promise,

You are the Light of the saints;

You hide yourself in every soul.

Light dawns for the just, and joy for the

upright of heart.

Rejoice in the Most High, O people of the

Light, And give thanks to the Radiant One,

the Bestower of Life!

**Acts 16:16-29**

One day as we were going to the place of

prayer, we met a female slave 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 the way of salvation."

She kept doing 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, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being 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.

## THEME READING

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

A warrior believes in an end she can't see and fights for it. A warrior never gives up. A warrior fights for those weaker than herself. It sounds like motherhood to me.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Hallelujah from the Mount of Olives  
Beethoven (1770-1827)

## SERMON

Shaking the Foundations

Mark Mullins

## \*RESPONSIVE HYMN

Live into Hope

#772 all verses

## CORPORATE PRAYER

from a transliteration of the Jesus Prayer  
by Bret S. Myers

O God, our Divine Parent, may your presence be ever revered. May your peace and justice dwell among us. May your love and compassion live within and between us. Nourish us daily with the necessities of life; sustenance for our bodies, and inspiration for our spirits. And may the forgiveness we give be that which we receive; the kindness we show be that which we perceive. Lead us on virtuous paths, and distance us from evil. For your world is our world, and your reign our reign; then, now, and always. A-men.