

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

**P: And kindle in all of us the fire of your love.**

L: Send forth your Spirit and create in us a newness of hope and love.

**P: And renew within all, the warmth and grace of your merciful Spirit.**

† HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH #103

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh. Hear our humble intercession for all races and families on earth, that you will turn all hearts to yourself. Remove from our minds hatred, prejudice, and contempt for those who are not of our own race or color, class or creed, that, departing from everything that estranges and divides, we may by you, be brought into unity of spirit, in the bond of peace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

CHILDREN'S TIME Celebrate Wonder

† HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH #408

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

SERMON *"Could Be Painful"* Rev. David Magruder

## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH #577

## † BENEDICTION



