Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista United Church of Christ Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022

Prelude Lionel Jasmin and Chaz Keith

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway

Liturgist Chris Dunn

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on several Psalms)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, and make His deeds known to all the people!

People: We will sing to Him, sing praises to Him and tell others of His wonderful works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord, rejoice!

People: We will seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.

All: May we remember the wonderful works which He has done! Let us praise the Lord! Amen!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Dear God, we thank you for your grace and your mercy and for always providing for us on this journey we call life. Together, we pray for wisdom, patience, the ability to make sound decisions in the face of conflict, the capacity to be sensitive to the needs of others and ourselves, and the spiritual wherewithal to hear you and hear you clearly when we need to. Create in us a clean and open heart, O God, and forgive us for getting in our own way. In the name of Jesus we pray together, amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) #69 "Standing on the Promises of God" (vrs. 1,2, and 4)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORDS'S PRAYER

Rev. Jamall Calloway

CHILDREN'S STORY

Rev. Jamall Calloway

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." 18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

- 19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. 20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar 21 by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."
- 22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.
- 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"
- 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then 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—you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

OFFERTORY CALL TO OFFERING

Chris Dunn

Special Music Doxology

Echo Stafford

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Loving God, we thank you the offering that we have received. We ask that you bless those that gave and bless those that desired to give but did not have the means to give. We pray that this offering is used according to your will and in your honor. If there is a way we can give more of ourselves, please show us how. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (verses 1,2, and 4)

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus; My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus, My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rev. Jamall Calloway

Lionel Jasmin; Chaz Keith

Announcements

Welcome Everyone! We are thrilled to worship with you, today! Make sure to fill out an information card if you haven't done so already and drop it in the offering plate. Please consider staying after worship for fellowship in Bradley Hall.

THIS WEEK:

Monday OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday Quilters @ 9:30 a.m.; Counters @ 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Dr. Jamall @ 6:30 p.m., via zoom

Thursday Choir rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday Bible Study @ 10 a.m. with Rev. Victoria, in person

Worship Info: All liturgy was written by Rev. Dr. J. Calloway. "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus was written by Leslie B. Tucker.

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