

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

** Please stand as you are able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People***

PRELUDE *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Feffke
Arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**We come, with the pain of our burdens,
we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.**

Together, we will sing songs of joy;
each of us will hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

**We join our voices in prayer and praise;
we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells in us.

**And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

* HYMN *Spirit* (see insert)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

How easy we can learn of God's love - but how hard it is to live it! The world
distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to
love one another. Join me as we confess our failures to love and we open our
hearts to God, saying,

**Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the
anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The
noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want
our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear
us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words.**

**You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits
and new lives within us, Healing God. Your Spirit, living deep within our
souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but good news
for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love
others as God loves us.

**In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know,
gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE (Please stand as desired)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:11-15 Deacon

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Traditional
Caleb Hyatt, tenor Arr. Mark Hayes

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH *(As children & youth come forward, please sing.)*

***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON ***Worshipping in Color 4: Purple*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
(see insert)

*HYMN *O God of Earth and Space* (see insert)

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. Fred Bock

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, (2x)
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spirit one. Al-le-lu-ia, (5x)***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds* (verses 1-3 see insert)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Hymn to Joy
***Great Creator, still creating with the colors of the earth.
Hues of rainbow, woods, and ocean calling us to know re-birth.
As your children, guide us onward; every skin tone one in you.
We are fam'ly, knit together in your love, help us be true.***

POSTLUDE *Marching to Zion* Robert Lowry
Arr. Pepper Choplin

Please come over to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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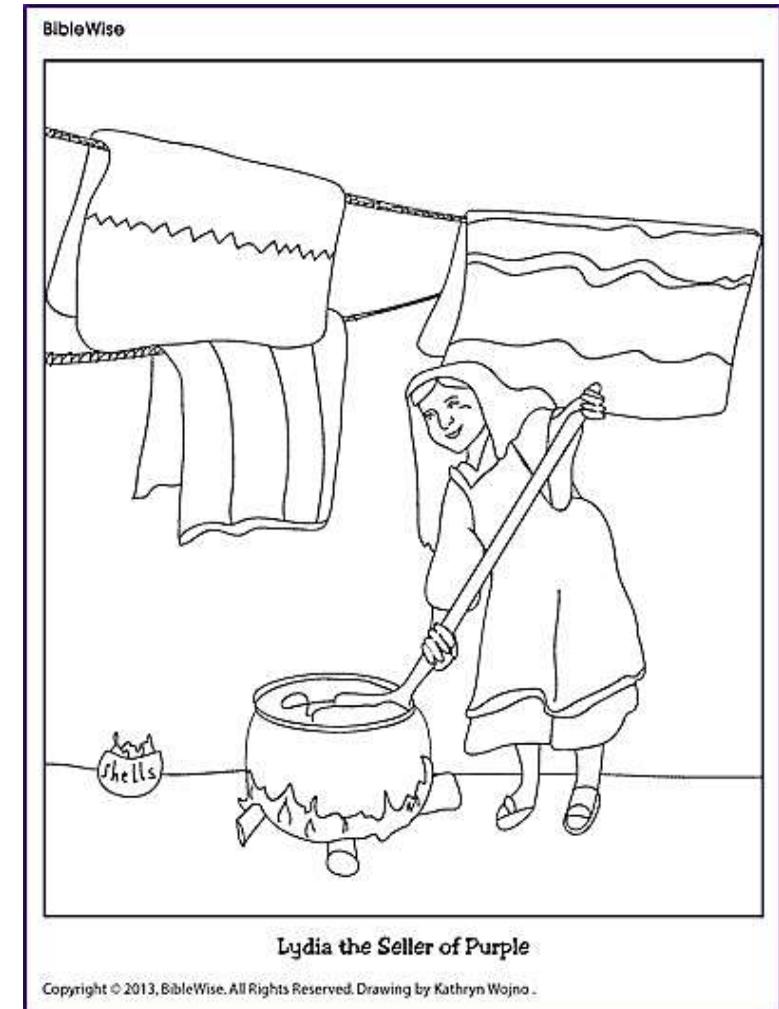
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