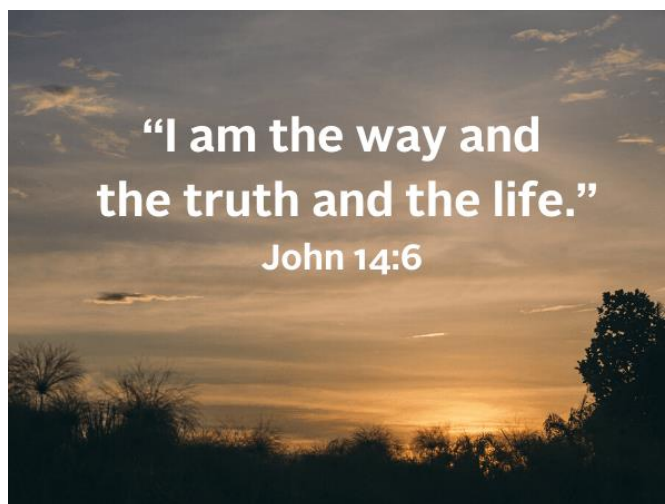


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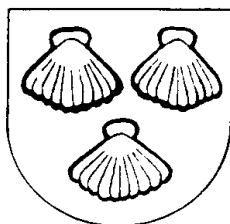
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“I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life”

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Gathering

Prelude

“Give Thanks” and “Lord, Be Glorified” arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Threshold Song

“The Old Rugged Cross” (vs. 4 & refrain)

UMH 504

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

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Call to Worship

Mary Anne Espenshade

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you.

Opening Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. And so you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles, and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Passing of the Peace *Mary Anne Espenshade*

Children's Moment **Proclaiming** *Edie Candee*

Scripture **Psalm 67** *Mary Anne Espenshade*
John 14: 6, 23-29 (NRSVue)

Word in Music "King of Kings" (Maverick City) *Praise Team*

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Message "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life" *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Prayers of Intercession **Response** *Mary Anne Espenshade*
Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Lord's Prayer *Mary Anne Espenshade*

***Doxology** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" *UMH 94*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer **Going Forth**

***Closing Hymn** "America the Beautiful" *UMH 696*

1. O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain America America God shed His grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea	2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life America America May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine
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3. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears
America America God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control
Thy liberty in law

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

“Praise God, Praise Him” (Tandaneï) arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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Questions for Reflection

When Lydia hears the gospel, she becomes the first Christian in Europe.
Led by the Spirit, Lydia's faith is decisive and her witness is immediate.
The word opens her heart in love, and she opens her house in hospitality in service of the gospel.
How might Lydia's witness excite your sense of ministry and mission this day?
Where might you find someone searching for God's word?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Spirit, enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's,
that through deepened prayer we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, it is night and the time for rest has come.
We have served you in love this day and for this we give you thanks.
Do not leave us comfortless, but send your Spirit to abide with us as we trust in you this night. Amen.

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