



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE "Step By Step"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Voice 1: Our loving God sent the apostle Paul to preach the gospel

Voice 2: to neighbors in every town, to women gathered on the river edge,

Voice 1: but first there were sacrifices to be ready to share the word.

Voice 2: Teach us how to speak so that others might listen, and teach us to listen so that we might understand

Voice 1: When your "No" means "not yet," and when a roadblock is really a guidepost leading us to the place you want us to be.

Voice 2: for all we do and do not yet understand,

ALL: Let us praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Open The Eyes of My Heart, Lord" video

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you;

I want to see you; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you; To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

CALL TO CONFESSION and CONFESSION

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid, for the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, ready to forgive the sorrowful heart. Let us confess our sins in this silence, and may God give you peace.

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people, hear the worry in our hearts. *(silence)*

We confess that we deny your blessings and fail to keep your word, hear the failures we hold close. *(silence)*

We admit that we do not pray enough, or listen, to discover meaning in our challenges. *(silence)*

Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love. Hear our prayers. *(silence)*

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS "Living Hope," vs. 2 and chorus

Who could imagine so great a mercy. What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory. To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own

Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ my living hope.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! All people will stream into God's city to find nourishment, healing, and peace. God declares that a new kingdom is coming and promises that we shall know peace. Let us give thanks and be glad, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING

Acts 16:1-15

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

ANTHEM

"This Is Who We Are"

Virtual Choir

BAPTISM OF CHARLOTTE BALLARD

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Charlotte, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and be a faithful member of his church? **We do.**

*APOSTLE'S CREED

Video

Please rise and join together in saying the Apostle's Creed as you see it on the screen.
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.** *(*or universal)*

SUNG RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves The Little Children," vs. 1, 2

Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world.
Red, brown, yellow, Black and white. They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children Of the world.
Jesus died for all the children. All the children of the world.
Red, brown, yellow, Black and white. They are precious in His sight
Jesus died for all the children Of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deb Mathis

Please join together in prayer for the baptized and the whole world, saying Precious Lord, **Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious God, giver of all life, we pray for all the newly baptized, and especially for those who will teach them the faith, and we pray for the parents of Charlotte, for Jenn and Mike Ballard, and for her godparents Beth and Taylor Horton. Give them wisdom

