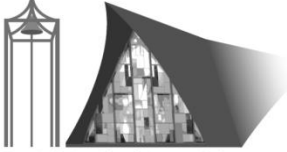


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**What
must
I do to be
saved?**
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Acts 16:30



May 29, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers. Masks are no longer mandatory inside the building, but recommended. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!

Prelude

We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.

Call to Worship

Leader: Eternal God, you have raised Christ to rule over the universe!

All: We sing your praise in awe and wonder. Alleluia!

Leader: You have raised Christ to reign over all human history.

All: All is taken up in the grace of Christ. Alleluia!

Leader: You have raised up Christ to rule over our hearts and our lives,

All: We bow in humility and gratitude, and give our lives to serve in love and wonder.

Alleluia!

Sharing Peace

Hymn – *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Kim at 919-624-1404.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!

Christ, awhile to mortals giv'n, reascends his home on high.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

See! The heav'n its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne, still he calls the world his own.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin, take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Scripture Lesson – Acts 16: 16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Message – Why Are You Here?

Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles Creed, Traditional Version. *UMH 881*

Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

UMH 327

Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out into the World

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: *New Hope Strummers (Continuing Strummers), 6PM Thursday in Music Room; UMW Yard Sale, Saturday 7AM in Carson Hall*

The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 30, for Memorial Day.

The Yard Sale is coming on 7AM-NOON Saturday! *Get your donations ready! Donation times are 12 noon-6pm on Wednesday, and 9am-6pm on Thursday and Friday. Please contact Kay Smallwood (919-414-9630) or Sharon Johnson (919-624-9465) for more information or to volunteer.*

New Hope Strummers Update: *We are regrouping to better meet the needs of our diverse range of participants! The first group will be "Continuing Strummers," or those strummers with prior ukulele experience. They will meet 6-7PM on the first and third Thursdays in the Music Room. The second & fourth Thursdays will break into two groups: Beginning Ukulele for 2-6 grades will meet in the Music Room 5:45-6:15PM, and Beginning Ukulele for 7th grade-adult will meet 6:15-7PM. On fifth Thursdays, all groups will meet 6-7PM together. If you'd still like to join or would like more information, please contact Sheila DeBastiani (919-763-5782).*

You Are Invited *to a celebration luncheon to thank Pastor Kim for her years of ministry here at St. James. It will be held after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, June 5. Please RSVP to lbpayne2015@gmail.com to better help with our food planning. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Questions?? Contact Leslie Payne or Sandra Horton.*