



# REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

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**August 1, 2021 | 10:00 am**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

**Commemoration of Saint Lydia**

**Pastor Maddie Tallman**

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation  
P: indicates the Presiding Minister  
A: indicates the Assisting Minister

*Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! July 18th is our very first in-person worship service since March of last year. Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.*

*Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.*

## ⌘ Gathering ⌘

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⌘ one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news: You are loved and forgiven in the name of ⌘ Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART**

Words and Music by  
Paul Baloche

♩=112 **CHORUS**

E<sup>5</sup>

B/D#



O - pen the eyes \_ of my heart, \_ Lord, \_ o - pen the eyes \_ of my heart; .

4

A<sup>2</sup>/C#

A<sup>2</sup>

E<sup>sus</sup> E

1, 3.

E<sup>sus</sup>



\_ I want to see You, \_ I want to see You. \_

2, 4.

**VERSE**

B

C#m

A<sup>2</sup>



To see You high and lift - ed up, \_ shin - ing in the light of Your glo -

13

B<sup>sus</sup>

B

C#m

F#m<sup>11</sup>



- ry. \_ Pour out Your pow'r and love; \_ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

17

B<sup>sus</sup>

1. to beginning

**BRIDGE**

E<sup>5</sup>



- ly. \_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, \_

22

B/D#

A<sup>2</sup>/C#

A<sup>2</sup>



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; \_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, \_ I want to

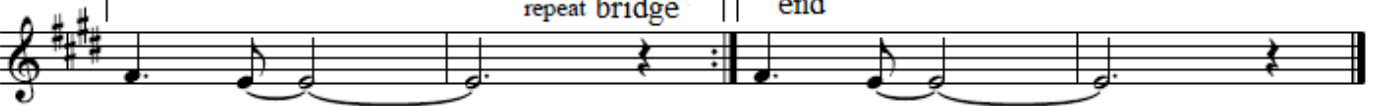
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1. E<sup>sus</sup> E E<sup>sus</sup>

repeat bridge

2. E<sup>sus</sup> E

end



see You. \_ see You. \_

### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you opened Lydia's heart to hear a new message; one that changed her life. Grant to us open hearts to receive your holy presence in the form of new faces and new ideas, so that we too may be places of hospitality to all your sojourners, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **✠ Word ✠**

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### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>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.

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

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C: Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Following each petition:*

A: Attend to us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.*

**✠ Meal ✠**

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**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

*Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://rb.gy/ryhn0m>; 2) physical checks/cash can be placed in the plate as you enter our service this morning (please alert a greeter if you require assistance); and 3) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your**

**steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and faithfulness endures for age to age... Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray,

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

*If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let a greeter know.*

*While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.*

*If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**C: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

# ✠Sending ✠

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MISSION BUILDER UPDATE**

## **BLESSING**

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from ✠ Jesus Christ, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements



## **New Summer Worship and Sermon Series!**

The Bible has a lot of unfamiliar characters in it, doesn't it? A lot of folks whose names we may have heard before, but we may know almost nothing about them. This summer, we'll be diving deeper into some of the lives of a few saints in our ancestry of faith.

The Christian church calendar includes various "Feast days" throughout the year, commemorating the life of various early Christians. Their lives inform our own faith today. These saints help to teach us what it looks like to live out faith. This summer, every Sunday will be a feast! A Feast Day that is. Each week we will observe a festival in honor of one of our biblical ancestors, reading scripture that highlights their lives and their witness to Jesus Christ and also reflecting on what it means for us today. Get ready to feast!

Here's the schedule for the rest of the summer:

August 1: Commemoration of Saint Lydia

August 8: Commemoration of Phoebe

August 15: Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 22: Feast of Bartholomew, Apostle

Each week we will post a short biography and commentary about the saint in the e-letter.

### **What's Happening This Week**

Sun., August 1	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., August 2	
Tues., August 3	Worship Team Meeting
Wed., August 4	
Thurs., August 5	Generosity Team Meeting
Fri., August 6	
Sat., August 7	Food Drive – 9:30 - 11am at the Annex

