

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Call to Worship

L: In the beginning of time, the Spirit of God brought order and peace out of chaos.

**P: At this moment of time, let us allow the same Spirit of God to bring order and peace out of the chaos of our lives.**

L: At the beginning of time, as creation was in the works, God looked around and saw that it was good.

**P: At this moment in time, let us look around and see all that is good.**

L: In the beginning of time, when creation was complete, God rested and declared a day of Sabbath.

**P: At this moment in time, let us rest in the Sabbath, and worship God.**

#### Opening Hymn #39 – God of mercy, God of grace

#### Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon

L: In Jesus Christ we are given new life, so, let us live in the freedom of what that represents:

**P: Our past is redeemed; our present is blessed, and our future is filled with hope. Thanks be to God.**

#### Music Ministry

#### Family Focus/Children's Time

Hymn # 420 – Praise, I will praise you, Lord

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Responsive Psalm 67 (NRSV)

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**P: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**P: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

**All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

#### Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 9-15 (NRSV)

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 therefore 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<sup>[b]</sup> 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.

**Message:** The Curious Case of Lydia and Paul

**Hymn #634 - Will you come and follow me?**

**Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide

**Benediction and Benediction song: Go Now In Peace**



**Lucknow Presbyterian**

***April 28, 2024***

***Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Fraser***

**Announcements**

- Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service.
- Saturday June 1: 10am – 4pm at Wilfred Laurier University – Creative Ways of Being Church – see Facebook group or Dionne for details.

**Upcoming Services:**

- May 5: LPC anniversary service at 10:00am – Worship Leader Rev. Jack Whytock, cake and refreshments to follow
- May 12: Service led by Annette Procnier
- May 19: Mission Awareness service led by Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee on her trip to Nepal

**NEW:** Sunday June 2: **PREACH FOR THE CALL** – Rev. Robert Royal will be leading worship at 11:00am. Congregational meeting to follow where voting will occur. We thank the search committee for all their efforts and pray for this next phase for our church family. Please ask any session or search committee member if any questions.