

SouthWest United Church
May 29, 2022
Easter 7

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: MV 49 When We Seek Language

Candle

God of light, reveal yourself to us so that we may know you and inspire us to be curious about one another. In the lighting of this candle, ignite unity among your created beings so that we may manifest your love and light in the world. Amen.

Call to worship (based on our reading from Acts 16)

Listen. Can you hear it? **The sound of those imprisoned.**
Listen. Can you hear it? **The sound of those who have been silenced because of gender, race, age, ability, or orientation.** Listen. Can you hear it? **The sound of those who cannot speak up for themselves.** Listen. Can you hear it? **Let us, the people of God, clear their throats, and break the silence.** Come, let us worship God.

Opening prayer (based on Psalm 97)

Holy One, you come to us as a flash of lightning, an uncontrollable source of energy and power. Even while we try to keep you safely within the confines of our liturgy, hymns, and theology, your spirit continues breaking forth in new and unexpected ways, reminding us that you are the One in whom the whole Earth rejoices. In this time of worship and prayer, loosen our chains, open our hearts that we may hear and respond to the Spirit's call. Amen.

Hymn: VU 559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Prayers for Grace and Transformation/
Words of Affirmation

The Peace

Exegesis/Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel: Acts 16:16–34

Psalm 97

John 17:20–26

** Behold, I Make All Things New! (MV 115)*

Reflection

Hymn: VU 663 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology – Praise God... (VU 541)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the people/Lords Prayer

**Listen in the Silence...*

Extinguish the Candle

Commissioning/Blessing

Closing Hymn: VU 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

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“We see with the Eyes of Christ”