



## **Welcome to Worship**

Rev. David Fleming

### **Act of Praise – “Medley of Praise”**

Lowella Cherry, piano

### **Children’s Sermon**

Brenda Matthews

### **Scripture Reading – Acts 16:9-15**

Karla Hefty

*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.” 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. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 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. 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. 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. 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.*

## **Act of Praise – “Seek Ye First”**

Lowella Cherry, piano

## **Sermon – “We Are Witnesses: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”**

Rev. Fleming

**Please Register Your Attendance** – Please use the following link to let us know you were watching: <http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

**Ways to Give** – Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at [gaumch.org](http://gaumch.org). Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By “Text to Give” To learn more, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/4az4rxt7>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Relief for Ukraine** – You may provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country by contributing to UMCOR. Mark your check or envelope with the word “Ukraine.” One hundred percent of all contributions will go to the designated cause. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

**Feed the Need** – Our Outreach Ministry is collecting canned vegetables for the month of May. Place gifts in kind in baskets near the Sanctuary and Church Office, or make a donation by marking your check “for Outreach.”

## **Table of Grace Volunteers Needed**

Discussions have begun about returning Table of Grace to inside dining. No date has been set, and we continue to watch the news about the virus. However, we need to begin planning what will be necessary to switch from take-out dinners back to our original sit-down meal.

Our cooking teams and team leaders have done a great job during the pandemic and will continue their efforts. We will need to add dining room help: table set up, drink preparation and serving, busing tables and clean up. We will also need table hosts, greeters and dessert servers. If you have a musical talent to share, we will bring back our 4:30-5:00 entertainment.

Our teams are set up to serve one Sunday each month, but if you are able to come more often, that would be great. We realize that many things have changed during the pandemic and folks who served two years ago might not be able to return. So, if you are able to volunteer, we would like to hear from you. Watch for more information in this month's newsletter and in coming bulletins.

For more information, contact Mary Tom Taylor (501-538-6879) or [marytomtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:marytomtaylor@gmail.com)

### **“Walking Each Other Home - A Choral Remembrance”**

**Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 2:00pm**

The Threshold Singers of Hot Springs is holding a choral vigil for individuals, their families, and anyone in our community who have lost loved ones over the past two years during the pandemic.

A special selection of gentle, comforting Threshold songs will be sung to honor and celebrate the lives of individuals lost and as offerings of peace, kindness, grace, and love to all.

Hot Springs Threshold Singers is a chapter of Threshold Choir International. It is an organization of volunteers with 200 chapters around the country and the world. The vision of Threshold Choir International is a world where all of life's thresholds are honored with compassion and shared through song.

The Hot Springs chapter is the only chapter in Arkansas and we are ready to be of service to our community in bringing songs of comfort for those at life's different thresholds. For more information about the program or Threshold Singers, please contact us: [whiteka23@yahoo.com](mailto:whiteka23@yahoo.com) or (501) 520-7272

***The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Phone (501) 623-5626; email [grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net).***