The Worship of God
Baccalaureate Sunday
June 2, 2019

“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.” – Acts 16:26

Gathering at God’s Invitation

Music for Gathering
Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle
Alex Porter

Opening Sentences
Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Processional
Trumpet Tune in D
David Johnson

†Responsive Reading
Justin Childs
Hunter Mullins

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing to God a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;

**God is seated on God’s holy throne.**

- Based on Psalm 47:5-8

†Hymn of Praise 92

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Diademata

†Words of Friendship

Joel Reynolds

Recognition of Seniors

Rev. Chris Cherry

Graham Bland, Justin Childs, Gracie Ellis, Stephen Key, Joshua Knight, Hunter Mullins, Luke Lynch, Lindsey Pegram, William Petitt, Joel Reynolds, Matthew Sumner, Bowen Young

Musical Interlude

During the musical interlude, all children may join Lindsey at the chancel. Parents are welcome to accompany children.

A Time for Children

Lindsey Pegram

During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend *Junior Church* and return to the sanctuary after the hymn of response.

Prayers of God’s People

Bowen Young

**Hearing God’s Word**

Opening of God’s Word

Perrin White

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

Steven Key

Sermon

What Is Holding Us Captive?

Joshua Knight
Responding to God’s Word

†Hymn of Response 498  
I Love to Tell the Story  
Hankey

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Rev. Sherouse

The Lord’s Supper  
Gracie Ellis  
Graham Bland

Communion Music  
Remember Me, by Jay Althouse  
Justin Childs & Baker Lawrimore, Vocal Soloists

Offertory Prayer  
William Petitt

Choral Offering  
Fight the Good Fight  
John Gardner

Sending into God’s World

Benediction  
Rev. Cherry

Choral Benediction  
Shine on Us  
Michael W. Smith

†Congregational Verse

Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o-ver us.  
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The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Cecil and Edna Williams by Archie Williams.

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the Words of Friendship, we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a Connection Card in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. Ministers will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.