

Acts 4:32-37

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Notes

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Have you ever been around someone whose generosity moved you and inspired you? How would you describe their generosity?
2. Which details in Luke's celebration of the generosity of the early church most stand out to you? Puzzle you? Excite you?
3. How have you experienced the truth behind Jesus' claim "It is more blessed to give than to receive."?

Family Business

Upcoming:

Sunday 11/17

- 8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary
- 9:30 am – Children's Choir Practice / Choir Room
- 9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm – Snack & Learn with Anil Chopra / Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm – Service / Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm – Dessert & Sermon Discussion / The Gathering Place

Monday 11/18

- 12:00 pm – Binnie Clements Guild Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 11/19

- 6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study / Room 015

Wednesday 11/20

- 10:00 am – Mom's Play Group / Nursery
- 6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym
- 6:00 pm – Abide Women's Bible Study / Room 020
- 6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room

Thursday 11/21

- 8:30 am – Binnie Clements Baking Days / Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
- 11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Prayer Room

Friday 11/22


- 12:00 pm – Warren Funeral / Sanctuary, Atrium
- 12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk / Room 114

Mark your calendars: Dec 1st at 11am is a Single Service Sunday!

Operation Christmas Child: Sunday, November 3rd marked the beginning of the annual Christmas Child Shoebox Drive. The Missions Committee has now purchased 50 clear shoe boxes to use for donations. Each box will contain a mailing label and can be used in place of the printed cardboard boxes. Please feel free to pick one up at the table in the South Atrium or in the vestibule of the sanctuary. **Be sure to return the filled boxes by Friday, November 22nd.**

Hanging of the Greens: The Art Committee invites all who would like to help decorate the church with greenery and Christmas trees to join them on December 2nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You can sign up through the link in the weekly update or by calling the church office.

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O, Theophilus!

a sermon series in Acts

November 17, 2024

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The House of Prayer

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

*Call to Worship | Tyler Heckman Kyleigh Hendrix

Leader: Like the crowds who followed Jesus,
we come today from different places.
We've had different weeks,
different challenges, and different joys.
And yet we come united
by the risen Lord Jesus, who meets us here.
All: We come empty, hoping to be filled.
We come to have our burdens lifted and our pain healed.
**We come with what little we have,
knowing that it is enough for God.**
We come to be fed by the Word of Life.
We come, and God meets us here.
We do not gather alone,
but with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Opening Hymn

519 It Is Well With My Soul

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Confession of Sin

Leader: God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
**All: Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1
Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri
Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Rev. Jamie Swope

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

Scripture | Acts 4:32-37

See Scripture Panel

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem | Men's Chorus

O Great God

Words and Music: Bob Kauflinn
arr. Joey Hoelscher

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

A Generous Church

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

Hymn No. 14

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

*Feel free to use the offering plates or contact the church for online or direct deposit
giving. Guests, please do not feel obligated.*

Offertory | Men's Chorus; Miles Stamper, tenor

Ride the Chariot

African-American Spiritual
arr. William Henry Smith

*Doxology

Hymn 809

Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

297 Spirit of the Living God

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707
Music: John B. Dykes, 1866

*Benediction

*Postlude