



Sunday, May 3, 2020; The fourth Sunday of Easter

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Greeting

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**Holy and Gracious God, we are scattered today as we worship. We are scattered from our church buildings. We are scattered from our church family and friends. Often during this time we feel scattered of mind, body and we are distracted from your love and mission. Forgive us for the ways that we act when we feel scattered. Help us to center on you. Help us to breathe fresh air and know your peace. Help us to find our home in the midst of the scattering. During this season of Easter, keep us mindful that we are a resurrection people. Scattered in place for growth and love.**

Passing of the Peace

Hymn #573 "O Zion, Haste"

Litany and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #348 "Softly and Tenderly"

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon and Scripture

**Acts 17:1-9**

Paul and Silas journeyed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, then came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup> As was Paul's custom, he entered the synagogue and for three Sabbaths interacted with them on the basis of the scrip-

tures. <sup>3</sup> Through his interpretation of the scriptures, he demonstrated that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. He declared, "This Jesus whom I proclaim to you is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> Some were convinced and joined Paul and Silas, including a larger number of Greek God-worshippers and quite a few prominent women.

<sup>5</sup> But the Jews became jealous and brought along some thugs who were hanging out in the marketplace. They formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They attacked Jason's house, intending to bring Paul and Silas before the people. <sup>6</sup> When they didn't find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city officials. They were shouting, "These people who have been disturbing the peace throughout the empire have also come here." <sup>7</sup> What is more, Jason has welcomed them into his home. Every one of them does what is contrary to Caesar's decrees by naming someone else as king: Jesus." <sup>8</sup> This provoked the crowd and the city officials even more. <sup>9</sup> After Jason and the others posted bail, they released them..

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #308 "Thine Be the Glory"

Blessing

Postlude



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

Coming Next:		
May 10	Church at Corinth	Acts 18:1-4 1 Cor. 1:10-18
May 17	Faith, Hope and Love	1 Cor. 13:1-13
May 24	Death conquered by life	1 Cor. 15:1-26
May 31	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4 1 Cor. 12:1-13

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Acts 17:6-7**

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**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:13-16
Thursday	Acts 17:10-15
Friday	Acts 17:16-28
Saturday	Acts 17:29-34

**Paul’s Letter to the Thessalonians**  
**Leading a Life Worthy of God**  
**Suffering for Christ**  
**Paul and Silas in Beroea**  
**Paul Speaks in Athens**  
**Athens Responds to Paul**

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- ◇ **Highs and Lows:** Name one thing you saw today that made you happy. Name one thing you saw that made you sad.
- ◇ **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** Some people heard about Jesus’ love from Paul and Silas, and they happily believed it. Others were unhappy with it. What news did you hear today? Did it make you happy or unhappy?
- ◇ **Getting Ready For Next Week’s Story:** Paul spent time building tents with his friends. Name one thing that you built today.

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**This week's Connections Schedule:**

**Sunday 10:30-11:00 a.m. — Discussion**

**Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study**

**Tuesday 12:00-12:15 — Devotional**

**Wednesday 5:00-6:00 — Youth Zoom**

**Thursday 12:00-12:30 — Prayer**

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study**

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