

Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

**In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.**

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Doug Bartel
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 855	Doug Bartel
*Prayer		
*Hymn	Planets Humming as They Wander	VT 175
The First Lesson		Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said,

"Amen!"

And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Hymn	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	VT 126
Time for God's Children		Tammy Wintermote

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits		Shirley Baltzer
Hymn	Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!	VT 341

LISTENING

The Second Lesson Acts 9:1-20
Message The Risen Christ, along Our Roads Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn I Know That My Redeemer Lives VT 347
Sending Take, O Take Me as I Am VT 748
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

Announcements:

- ❖ **THIS WEDNESDAY: National Day of Prayer** –
 - Our sanctuary will be open from 9am – 2pm for your prayer and meditation! (this can be longer if you would like to be here for a time)
 - HAMA sponsored prayer service – 7am at Trinity.

- ❖ **Creativity Camp**: T/TH - June 7,9,14,16 – Skill building in sewing, cooking and painting for students completing grades 1 – 6.
Please consider how you might be involved: prayer, assistance, transportation, relationship building, organization ...???

- ❖ **Tabor Concerts**:
 - **Tues. May 3** - Jazz in the Black Box – 7pm
 - **Sun., May 8** – Concert Choir: “The Good Samaritan” 3pm
 - **Sat. May 14** – Spring Instrumental Concert 7pm
[Pastor Tom will be a part of both May 3 and May 14!]

- ❖ **Bethel Concerts**:
 - **Today** – Masterworks concert – 3pm
 - **Tues. May 3** – Steel Drum Band and Steel Paradise 7pm
 - **Wed. May 4** – Jazz on the Green 8pm
 - **Sun. May 8** – Woven and Open Road (joint) 7pm

- ❖ **All are welcome to meet on May 15 @ 12:30pm with Kathy Newfeld-Dunn and Heidi Regier-Kreider from the Western District office.** This will be a time of listening and sharing regarding trust concerns voiced at the KIPCOR meeting last Fall. If you had not signed up earlier and wish to attend, please let Doug Bartel know. There will be a light lunch provided after the worship for those attending.