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*the open door ~ praise & worship service
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*

welcome & announcements

song

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prayers of the people

Pastor Alex

scripture reading

Acts 11:1-18 [MSG]

¹ The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word.

² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him.

³ They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

⁴ Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened.

⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision,

I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners.

It came all the way down to me.

⁶ As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds.

⁷ I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!'

⁸ I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord!

Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

⁹ The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.'

¹⁰ This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven.

¹¹ At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying.

¹² The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles.

These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house.

¹³ He reported to us how he had seen an angel

standing in his house and saying,

'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter.

¹⁴ He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.'

¹⁵ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them,
just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning.

¹⁶ I remembered the Lord's words:

'John will baptize with water,

but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

¹⁷ If God gave them the same gift he gave us
who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I?

Could I stand in God's way?"

¹⁸ Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down.

They praised God and concluded,

"So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives
so that they might have new life."

children's moment

John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said...

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer...

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

*³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'*

song

"Here I am to worship"

reflecting on God's message

Sidney Martin

presentation of the offerings

dance party with Jesus ""

benediction & passing the peace

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