



Chaires United Methodist Church
May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Easter

Prelude: A Time for Prayer and Meditation

*Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 1-5) 57 UMH

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

Call to Worship Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

Opening Prayer Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

*Doxology 95 UMH

*Blessing of Tithes and Offerings Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

*Hymn *The Summons* screen

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastoral Prayer: Joys and Concerns

Anthem His Eye is On the Sparrow Choir
(arr. Timothy C. Evans)

New Testament Reading: Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV)

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he

could see nothing. So, they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Message: “Edition 2: Jesus Has the Final Word”

Rev. Mollie Bradshaw

***Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord (v. 1-4)

593 UMH

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able



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