

161 Woman in the Night



1 Wom-an in the night, spent from giv - ing birth,
 2 Wom-an at the well, ques - tion the Mes - siah;
 3 Wom-an in the house, nur - tured to be meek,
 4 Wom-en on the hill, stand when men have fled;



guard our pre - cious light; peace is on the earth.
 find your friends and tell: drink your heart's de - sire!
 leave your sec - ond place, lis - ten, think, and speak!
 Christ needs lov - ing still, though your hope is dead.



Wom-an in the crowd, creep - ing up be - hind,
 Wom-an at the feast, let the righ - teous stare;
 Wom-en on the road, from your sick - ness freed,
 Wom-en in the dawn, care and spic - es bring,



touch - ing is al - lowed: seek and you will find!
 come and go in peace; love him with your hair!
 wit - ness and pro - vide, join - ing word and deed:
 ear - li - est to mourn, ear - li - est to sing!



Refrain
 Come and join the song, wom - en, chil - dren, men.



Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain!

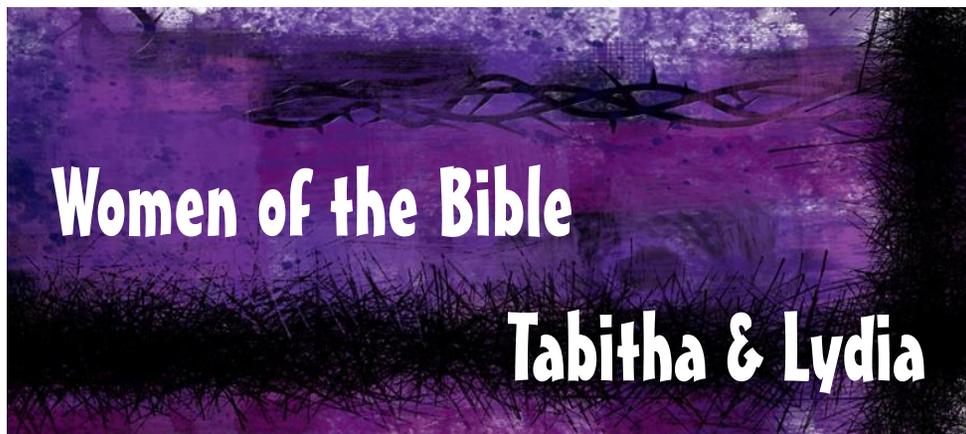
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with a reference to Mary giving birth to Jesus, this text describes a series of women who had important encounters with his life, ministry, death, and resurrection. The dancelike refrain celebrates how their experiences reveal that the Good News is for all people.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 18, 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

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CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Adagio

Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**We come, with the pain of our burdens,
 we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.**

Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God
 whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

**We join our voices in prayer and praise;
we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells in us.

**And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

* HYMN 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know
how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd
you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which
can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle
to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak
of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards
those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not
in us.**

Silence is kept.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

**In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with
heaven's harmony; in my heart there rings a melody;
there rings a melody of love.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-43

Acts 16:11-15

MEDITATION

The Story of Tabitha & Lydia

* HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Every Time I Think About Jesus

Fleming

* HYMN 428 vs 1

We Give Thee but Thine Own

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord, from Thee.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

* HYMN

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* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata in d minor

Scarlatti

* *You are invited to stand if able.*