

# 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

*Woman in the Night*

\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sonata in d minor*

Scarlatti

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*