

## CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read Acts 5:1-11. "Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events." How do you react to this story? What stands out to you?
- 4) Read Acts 4:32-37. These early Christians were unified ("one in heart and mind") and they "shared everything they had." How do you respond to their extreme generosity?
- 5) How can we, as individuals and as a church family, grow in generosity? What could we do to look more like the church of Acts 4?
- 6) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

### Memory Passage

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. — *Acts 4:32 (NIV)*

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▪ March 5, 2023 ▪

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Amy Anderberg

Songs of Praise

"We Are Free"  
"Yours Is the Kingdom"

Prayer

Janan Wurzbach

Announcements / Greet One Another

Sermon

Rev. Jon Twitchell

▪ *Extreme & Authentic Generosity* ▪

Communion

Song of Praise

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"  
"Doxology"

Benediction

## **Acts 5:1-11 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup>With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

<sup>3</sup>Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup>Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

<sup>5</sup>When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. <sup>6</sup>Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

<sup>7</sup>About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?”

“Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

<sup>9</sup>Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

<sup>10</sup>At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

<sup>11</sup>Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

### **Notes:**

### ***Extreme and Authentic Generosity***

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