



*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, April 28, 2024*

5th Sunday of Easter

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



**CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Bind Us Together*

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE †**

**CALL TO WORSHIP †**

One: Like spring breaking through winter's power,

All: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.

One: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,

All: God's Word upholds the church in strength.

One: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

All: We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

**OPENING HYMN †**

*#365 Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*We Renew Our Relationship With God*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**LORD'S PRAYER HYMN**

*Our Father In Heaven*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Love, we fail to love one another fully. Forgive us for ignoring to love and worship you, for ignoring the needs of others, and not following

† Please stand in body or in spirit



your ways. Forgive us for seeking praise from others, yet failing to encourage them in their endeavors. Forgive who we have been, O God, and root our lives more deeply in your love.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We Respond to God*

- MINOR DOXOLOGY** † *#813 Glory Be To The Father*
- AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed
- ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR** *More Than a Song*
- CHILDREN’S BLESSING**
- OFFERTORY** *Offertory on “Trentham”*
- OFFERING HYMN** † *#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own*
- PRAYER OF DEDICATION** †
- HYMN OF DEDICATION** † *Father, Take The Gifts We Bring*

*God Speaks to Us*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 8:26-40 (New Living Translation)

<sup>26</sup> As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.”





<sup>27</sup> So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

<sup>28</sup> and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup> The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”

<sup>30</sup> Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

<sup>31</sup> The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?”

<sup>35</sup> So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?”

<sup>38</sup> He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.





<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.

<sup>40</sup> Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

**THE PREACHED WORD**

*“That Split Second - Part 1”*

*God Sends Us Into the World*

**CLOSING HYMN** †

*#309 I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION** †

**SENDING HYMN** †

*Song Of Hope*



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us online for the practice of *Lectio-Divina* which is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation & prayer, to promote communion with God and increase the knowledge of God's word. Contact the office at 941-625-5045 for more info.



To connect go to [www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us)  
Click "Join" on the right hand upper corner  
Meeting ID: 878 3208 0869  
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Bring a friend & enjoy popcorn & soda as we journey through history into the lives of Jesus & his disciples, continuing Tuesday, April 30, at 6 PM in the sanctuary. Rides can be arranged for people that do not drive at night.



Join us today following the service to celebrate our February, March & April Birthdays.

# PRAYER LIST

Bernadine & Tom Allesee Family	-	<i>safety &amp; health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Gail Gamble	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ruth Hester	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mary Kerr	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Donna & Loren Livengood	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Lotz	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Olin	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>

## FPCPC FAMILY -

**If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,  
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.**



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