



Sunday, April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter
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# God Calls Us to Worship



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<sup>†</sup>

#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>&</sup>lt;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.

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 | Will Sing of My Redeemer

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION®** 

SENDING HYMN<sup>†</sup>

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.

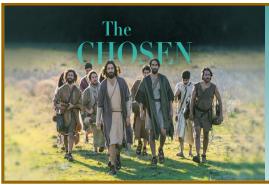


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Bring a friend & enjoy popcorn & soda as we journey through history into the lives of Jesus & his disciples, continuing Tuesday, April 30, at 6 PM in the sanctuary. Rides can be arranged for people that do not drive at night.



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

# **PRAYER LIST**

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#### 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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