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Service for the Worship of God

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Dr. King

Prelude

Dr. Patterson

Call to Worship

Rev. Nate

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another.

People: We love because God first loved us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of Your vine, but we fail to abide in You. You extend Your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in Your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith:

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They, therefore, accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

Instrumental Hymn of Reflection

#385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26–40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this Scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, 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 saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Meditation

The Last Person on Earth

Communion Hymn

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution & Invitation

Taking of the Elements

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Doxology (10 a.m.) & Benediction

Postlude

Flower Dedication

The chancel flowers are given by Gene and Delora Stites in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary and their many blessings.

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