



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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ROSE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WE ARE GATHERED AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME AND NEWS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Rev. Jon Carlisle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ronnie Robinson

Liturgist: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him
shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

Liturgist: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

All: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

INVOCATION

WE PRAY TO A FORGIVING GOD

Liturgist: As we prepare ourselves to meet the risen Christ, we have this opportunity to
call to mind our broken habits and ways, and to ask our forgiving God for
pardon, healing, and the strength to begin anew. Please join me in prayer.

**All: Merciful One, you teach us that perfect love casts out fear, but often we
are afraid; you command us to love our sisters and brothers, but often
we are alienated from one another. Show us once more your abiding
love. Prune away our imperfections, that we may grow hearts so strong
that all our fears will be cast out, leaving us ready and able to abide in
your love. For your name's sake, we pray. Amen**

WE REMEMBER GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

Liturgist: The One who raised Jesus from the dead
offers us life and forgiveness of sin.

**All: We rejoice in Christ our savior,
whose resurrection brings us life.**

*Pastor: Sisters and brothers, enjoy your renewed relationship with God,
open yourselves to holy transformation, and be at peace!*

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: God be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Pastor: With clean hearts and renewed spirits, let us rejoice
as we share the peace of Christ with one another.*

SACRED IN THE ORDINARY

“God’s Presence in Everyday Moments”

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG SAINTS

LESSON FROM THE ACTS

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..

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

1 John 4:16-21

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in

love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

"Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus." Acts 8:35

HYMN FOR REFLECTION "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

By Richard Gillard; Larissa Shepherd, piano

UPDATE FROM OUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Garland Snyder, Co-Chair

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP AND BLESSING OF OUR OFFERING

WE GATHER AT CHRIST'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE SENT IN CHRIST'S NAME

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

VIDEO ILLUSTRATION "Love Better"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Baptism of the Eunuch by Rembrandt van Rijn (1626).
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