ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship - 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.

**My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures You won't walk out, Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go, In the questions Your truth will hold, Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse, Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh, My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings, With each morning I'll rise and sing, My God's love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us, Through the storms (hey)

**Hosanna (Praise is Rising)**

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You, We turn to You, Hope is stirring, Hearts are yearning for You, We long for You

'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day, In Your presence, All our fears are washed away, (Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna, You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises, Hosanna hosanna, Come have Your way among us, We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of, Hearts returning to You, We turn to You, In Your Kingdom, Broken lives are made new, You make us new

Unison Psalm - Psalm 22:25-31

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

**10,000 Reasons**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, Worship His holy name, Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again, Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind, For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Announcements

Youth Group - 6:30PM

Monday School - 7PM on Zoom

Kid’s Church - Wed. 6PM

Scripture Reading- I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. 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.

Prayer - Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Gospel Reading - John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Response of Prayer -

Communion Service -

The Invitation: you who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, who live in love and peace with your neighbors and who intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and humbly kneeling make your confession to Almighty God.

**The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  Thy kingdom come.  Thy will be done in 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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may experience anew the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  May your Spirit help us to know, in the breaking of this bread and drinking of this cup, the presence of Christ Who gave His blood for all.  And may your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in service to all the world. Amen.

Closing Song & Benediction-  **Come Thou Fount**

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  Tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise, Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness, 'Til You came and rescued me, I was bound by all my, sin when, Your love came and set me free, Now my soul can sing a new song, Now my heart has found a home, Now Your grace is always with me, And I'll never be alone

Come Thou Fount come Thou King, Come Thou precious Prince of Peace, Hear, Your bride to You we sing, Come Thou Fount of our blessing, Come Thou Fount, come Thou King, Come Thou precious Prince of Peace, Hear Your bride to You we sing, Come Thou Fount of our blessing

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be, Let Thy goodness like a, fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee, Prone to wander Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love, Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above