

April 28

Welcome and Outreach Announcements

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Prelude: Jesus In The Morning - The Sanctuary Ringers

Call to Worship

JOAN CARLSON, Lay Reader

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God and fill us with understanding.

Gathering Song Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 611

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Call to Confession

JOAN

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess to God and one another our failure to love our neighbor.
Please join me in the Prayer of Confession...
Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love, and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

JOAN

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. God's love for us endures forever. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Sharing the Peace of Christ

REV. GOLDMAN

Scripture John 15:1-8

- 1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
- 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit.
- 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Anthem: You Are The Lord - Chancel Choir

Scripture Acts 8:26-40

- 26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south[a] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)
- 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
- 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.
- 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"
31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.
32 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."
33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."
34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"
35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.
36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water,
37 and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"
38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
39 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.
40 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.

Message Except Someone Guide Me Rev. Darryl Goldman

Responding Song Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

REV GOLDMAN

Receiving our Offering

JOAN

Offering what we have for the sake of others means letting go. Be generous in your ministry of giving and fear not, for we abide in the risen Christ. Let us receive our offering.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

REV GOLDMAN

Sending Song Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me 703

1 Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.

2 O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.

3 O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

Blessing

Postlude