



November 14, 2021

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

CCLI #7130961 | Brandon Lake, Brian Johnson, Matt Redman, and Phil Wickham
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Prayer of Confession

Living Hope

CCLI #7139866 | Cody Carnes, Cory Asbury, and Ethan Hulse
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Announcements

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Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Courage to Share the Gospel

Song of Response

Jesus

CCLI #7127647 | Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood
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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song of Dedication

God So Loved

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Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

(William Bolcom)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

**He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever.**

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

All who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our witness for you; that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips; for the difference between our creed and our conduct, our profession and our practice; for any example that makes it easier for people to criticize your church or for another to sin. When we think of ourselves and of the brokenness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Savior, through whom there is mercy and forgiveness. Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

(Robert Franz)

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe in me. My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, I will come again, and receive you unto myself. My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Courage to Share the Gospel

Musical Reflection

O Word of God Incarnate

(Johann G. Walther)

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

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Benediction

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(Edward G. Mead)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Worship Lead/Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reader

Prayers of the People

Worship Band (9:30)

Director of Music

Organist/Pianist (11:00)

Anthem (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Rev. Greg Buell

Sue Blue (9:30)

Brian Meek (11:00)

Rich Blue (9:30)

Greg Smith (piano) Carl Tobias (electric guitar);

Luke (acoustic guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)

Ellen Westel, Greg Dill, and Matt Parks (vocals)

Ruth G. Heald

Sharon Peterson

Laura Boguslavsky and Angela DeVenuto

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Reflection Questions

Opening Discussion

- Have you ever sensed God telling you to do or say something to someone else? Did you do it? What helped you obey? What was challenging?

Digging Deeper

- Read Acts 8:26-40.
- In verse 26, what was Philip asked to do? Was Philip given a reason to do this? Why do you think he went?
- Who does Phillip meet along the way? What do we learn about him in verses 27 and 28?
- In verse 29 – what is Philip asked to do next and who asks him? Why is this significant?
- What do Philip and the Eunuch talk about in verses 30-35? How does their conversation unfold, and what does this teach us about how to share the gospel with others?
- How did the Eunuch respond to the good news? (See verses 36-38)
- After the baptism, what did each man do next?

Life Application

- Which is more important? Knowing God's will in the present moment? Or knowing God's plan for your life? Which requires more faith?
- What spiritual practices help you understand God's will?
- What can get in the way of obeying the Spirit's promptings in your life?
- How does Philip's story help you better understand how to share your faith with others? What concerns, doubts or fears might you have about having spiritual conversations with others?
- Is there anything that you sense God is asking you to do or say right now? What are your next steps?

Suggestions for Prayer

- Pray for an open heart and mind to understand and know God's will, as well as a responsive heart to obey and follow through.
- Pray for those with spiritual yearnings, like the Eunuch from Ethiopia, and that God would supply people in their lives to come alongside them.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith with others.