

May 16, 2021 **9:00 AM** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude *In the Garden* McMillen
Shirley Sandifer, piano

Ordinance of Baptism Rev. Michael
Stella Mabry Hayden, Scarlett Kathryn Isenbarger, Addelyn Pearl Yager

*Call to Worship Vicki Quisenberry

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

All: to be with our faithful friends in our church home.

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

All: to share in the singing and to listen to your Word.

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

All: to find inspiration for our daily living and purpose in our service of others.

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

All: to remember your faithfulness in Jesus Christ and his death on the cross for us.

*Hymn *This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1, 2, 4)* 518

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debtors" and "debtors") Vicki Quisenberry

First Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9 Vicki Quisenberry

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *Walking 'Cross the Sea* Choplin
1st/3rd Quartet; Shirley Sandifer, piano

Second Scripture Acts 8:26-40

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Spirit in the Wilderness* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other (vs. 1, 2)* 487

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation. You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution Vicki Quisenberry

Prayer of Thanksgiving Vicki Quisenberry

Communion Music *Fairest Lord Jesus* McMillen

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Suzette and Nathan Nunley. Love and Congratulations to our Granddaughter, Addison Callis, who will be graduating from Owensboro High School and our Grandson, Andrew Nunley, who will be graduating from South Oldham High School. And, Congratulations to all the Graduates of the class of 2021 who truly did not have a senior year.

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Jack Everett Miller, son of Jason & Lauren Miller, and grandson of John & Jane Miller.

*Please stand if you are able.

Acts 8:26-40

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south 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, 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; 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.

May 16, 9 PM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling.
In-Person worship for last names beginning with H, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, V,
W, Y, Z

May 17, 5:30PM – Outreach and Finance Teams' meeting in the sanctuary

May 19, 6:30AM – Bible Study at Panera

May 20, 2:30PM – Refugee Food Pantry

May 23, 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling.
In-Person worship for last names beginning with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, T

Childcare available in the nursery.

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