

Faith United Methodist Church

May 2, 2021



Order of Worship for Sunday, April 4, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

*[*Prayers are from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for year B volume 1. Services will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel].*

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Christ Is Alive”

Roger LaCross

*Call to Worship

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.

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

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*Opening Prayer

Wondrous Vine grower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children’s Message

Joanne Milloy

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ 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.) 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.

Hymn/ Anthem

Members of the Choir & Roger LaCross

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes 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.

“This is the word of God for all God’s people. Thanks be to God.”

Sermon

“Holding on to the Vine”

Pastor Wanda

Holy Communion

Offering Introduction & Prayer

Prayer of Intercession & 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the power and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Charge/Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine

Roger LaCross

Liturgist: Rich Pearson

Ushers: N/A

Organist: Roger LaCross

Minister: Rev. Wanda Santos Perez

PRAYER LIST

Please hold these names in your prayers this week.

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| Mason Cote | Nancy Woods | Stan Kruszyna –Arbors, |
| Terri Herr | Janice DeFlumere | Chicopee |
| Chris Orwat | Joe Trevathan | Mary Buss—Home |
| Bruce Long | David Henry | Eunice Bock—Home |
| Roger LaCross | Katie Boucher | |
| Andy Robb | Stephen DeSilva | |
| Peter& Joanne Milloy | Roberta Green | |
| Austin Campbell | Janet Valley’s sister | |
| Connie Harris | Christine Peloquin | |
| Ryan & Maloah McCarron | Frederick Pennington | |
| Ken & Susan Holmes | Ed Jaszek’s family | |
| Arlie & Sylvia Burns | Karen Harrington | |
| Pam Barrett | Jennifer and JR Bedat | |



All those affected by disasters, both natural and man-made, throughout our world, the hungry and the homeless, those in pain, our leaders in government, that they will protect the least of these, and peace throughout the world. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

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Men of Faith meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Bible Study now Wednesdays at 7 pm

Still on ZOOM

Choir practice on Thursdays at 7 pm

AST Meeting May 4th 7 pm

WHAM—May 11th 5 pm

Masks must be worn to ALL meetings



Worship with us at 9:30 am in the sanctuary

