

# Directed by the Spirit

PHILIP & THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH



Pensacola, Florida  
May 2, 2021 10:30 a.m.  
5th Sunday of Easter, Cycle B

*\* Indicates times when all who are able will please stand.*

## Chiming Of The Hour

## Welcome and Congregational Life Announcements

Musical Meditation "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

## \*Call to Worship

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

All: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

## \*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

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## \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty and loving God, help us this morning to worship you with glad and thankful hearts. We have come to be fed by your Word and strengthened by your grace. Remove the barriers that keep us from knowing and loving you. Open our eyes to behold your glorious majesty. Help us to call upon you like children, trusting that you love us and care about every detail of our lives. Fill us with great joy this morning as we fix our eyes and hearts on you, our loving and gracious Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## \*Gloria Patri

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.

## \*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Please greet each other, "Peace be with you."*

## Children's Moment

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Acts 8:4-8, 26-40

8:4 Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word.

8:5 Philip went down to the city<sup>a</sup> of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah<sup>b</sup> to them.

8:6 The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did,

8:7 for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured.

8:8 So there was great joy in that city.

8:26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south<sup>a</sup> to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)

8:27 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  
8:28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

8:29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

8:30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

8:31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

8:32 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.

8:33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

8:34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

8:35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

8:36 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?"<sup>a</sup>

8:38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip<sup>a</sup> baptized him.

8:39 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.

8:40 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.

After each reading: One: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

"Directed by the Spirit"

Brian Yount

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation, Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 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.**

Breaking of Bread, Sharing of Cup

Anthem during Communion "The Gospel Changes Everything"

Written by Meredith Andrews

Featuring Tasha Yount, Kermit Keiser, and Clara Riggleman

Prayer

## **\*Call for the Offering**

### **\*The Doxology**

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

### **\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **\*Hymn**

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Hatch, Jackson

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

"Love's Philosophy"

by Robert Quilter

# How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, .  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878  
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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**K-5 SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins at 9:30 am in Room 9.

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