



"Philip and the Ethiopian" by Alexandre Denis Abel de Pajol WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST May 2, 2021

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Words of Welcome

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Rev. Alba Beasley

Prelude - "Prelude in C Major" (J. S. Bach)

Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship

Rev. Will Brown

Leader: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

People: Together we shall read and understand.

Leader: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

People: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Leader: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

People: Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

*Invocation Dr. Matthew Tennant

Greeting Dr. Tennant

Words of Faith

Children's Sermon Erin Brown

Gospel Lesson – John 15:1-8 Elizabeth Mulcahy

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Blessing Rev. Brown

^{*}Hymn - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

^{*}Hymn – "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Reflection Barbara Moore "Spread the Mighty Word, Let the Nations See Your Light" (N.L. Smith)

New Testament Lesson - Acts 8:26-40

Jen Bates

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

*Doxology

Morning Prayer

Rev. Beasley

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.

Anthem – "Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord" (Courtney)

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon - "Phillip and the Ethiopian"

Dr. Tennant

Meditation Barbara Moore

Words of Commitment & Blessing

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Dr. Tennant

*Hymn – "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Benediction Dr. Tennant

Postlude Barbara Moore

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^{*} Please stand if you are able

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



WORDS: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. st. 1, Peter Williams, 1722-1796 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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There Is a Balm in Gilead





TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt. MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011 Text and Music © 1981, 2000 OCP HERE I AM (Schutte) 7.7.7.4.D with refrain

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