

chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

SERMON "Walking the Walk... Compassion"

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

***HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are Christ's new creation by water and the word; From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free; with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.
4. Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord be with you as you greet this day,
and be in your heart as you go on your way.
Take the Peace of God to every place you're in;
and may the Lord be with you until we meet again.

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able may stand



Welcome to First United Church of Christ

600 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA (563) 886-6361

*We are pleased that you have decided
to worship with us today!*

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Communion Sunday

May 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CELEBRATIONS

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

P: Together we shall read and understand.

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

P: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

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

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

*HYMN “Listen to Your Savior Call”

1. Listen to your Savior call, “Do you love me most of all?” Jesus speaks, and speaks to you: “Love me as I first loved you.”
4. O my Savior, hear my need: though my love is faint indeed, Still I love you and adore - oh, for grace to love you more!

*PASSING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you **P: And also with you!**

*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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In Your Mercy, **P: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8: 26-39

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, May 3

6:00 p.m. Tiger's Den Meeting

Wednesday, May 5

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 Council Meeting

Thursday, May 6

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Friday, May 7

8:00 a.m. First Friday Donuts & Devotion

6:00 p.m. Kids' Night Out

Saturday, May 8

11:00 a.m. Shared Blessings Free Meal at Methodist Church

Sunday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Worship - Mother's Day / Honoring Women

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♦ **First Friday Donut and Devotion** is Friday, May 7 at 8:00 a.m. You are welcome to come and cheer on the students and staff as they begin their day.

♦ On May 7, 2021, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. we will have a **Kids' Night Out** including dinner, activities, games, and a Bible lesson. We will meet out in the First UCC yard. Permission slips are available at the church or in your email. This free night of fun is open to all kindergarten-5th graders. Invite your friends and neighbors! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office or see Pastor Kerri. Permission slips are due tomorrow, Monday, May 3.

♦ Plan on coming to **Family Craft Night** on May 26, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. In the Fireside Room you can check out the craft you will make. All supplies will be furnished. Please sign up in the Fireside Room by May 19 to ensure enough supplies are on hand. You can also contact the office to sign up - 886-6361. If you have any questions, please call the office or see Sharon Hodgden.

♦ Sunday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. we will meet at the track at the Tipton City Park to "**Take a Walk.**" This will continue each Sunday, weather permitting. Everyone welcome!

♦ Sunday, May 16 during 10:00 a.m. worship we will recognize and **bless those graduating** this year and scholarships will be awarded.

♦ **Youth Group** (grades 5th-12th) meets every first, third, fourth & fifth Wednesdays of the month from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We eat together and have a time of study, activities and lots of fun. May schedules are online. All 5th-12th graders are invited.

♦ In order to help support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations, the UCC requests help with by their **Strengthen the Church Offering**. If you would like to offer support, please pick up one of the envelopes located outside the church sanctuary. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

Would you be willing to Adopt a Window for the parsonage? The cost is \$650 for a window. If you would like to help in this window adoption, please place your donation in the offering plate or drop it by the office sometime before May 31. You are welcome to purchase an entire window or make a donation toward a window. There are 19 total windows to be replaced, and two have already been adopted – 17 to go! If you have any questions, stop by "the window" in the Fireside Room after the service or contact the office.