

A Service for Worship  
 Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 2, 2021 ~ 11:00 a.m.  
*Lead Me, Guide Me ~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion*



***GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE***

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Gathering Music**

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”  
 “Cristo vive”

**Welcome and Invitation to Worship**

**Song of Praise**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
 He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:  
 Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ.  
 Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

Come let us praise the living God,  
 joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

**Prayer of Praise and Confession**

**Assurance of God’s Presence and Pardon**

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 31: 1-5

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name *lead and guide me*. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

### **New Testament Lesson**

Acts 8: 26-31

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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" *He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"*

### **Sermon**

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

## **COMING TO THE TABLE**

### **Song of Preparation**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### **Invitation to the Table**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup**

*SENDING INTO THE WORLD*

**Closing Prayer**

**Song of Sending**

“Guide My Feet”

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide my feet . . .

**Blessing**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

May the guidance and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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We are delighted to welcome Dr. Janie Canty-Mitchell to our pulpit today. Janie is a life-long nursing educator and Qualified Ruling Elder for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Her home congregation is Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. Welcome Janie!

Worship Leaders are:

Ann Jahnes, Pastor

Joanna Hipp, Associate Pastor

Laurie Russ, Director of Music

Janie Canty-Mitchell, Guest Preacher

Jennie Bryan and John Lehman, Musicians

Ken Griffin, Marv Gelb, David Gauck, Erik Hedblom, Ginny Prunty, Technical Assistants

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