



5th Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday

May 2, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Preservice

Words of Welcome

Reverend Cameron Smith

Prelude

Larghetto

Mark Davis

Introit (Hymn #729)

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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.

Seek 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.

Hymn #836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

*Due to Covid 19 restrictions, please refrain from singing in the sanctuary.

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see. O though who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

GLORIA

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson
Children's Time
Anthem
New Testament Lesson
Sermon
Offertory

Come Before the Table

A PORTRAIT OF DISCIPLESHIP
I Need Thee Every Hour

Acts 8:26-40
Reverend Cameron Smith
Karen Marolli
John 15:1-8
Reverend Carolyn Heyward
arr. Hugh Knight

BY BODY AND BLOOD

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.

Blessed are You, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your only Son, whom You sent out of love for the world to be our Savior. By the Holy Spirit's power, He was born of us, shared our joys and sorrows, and offered His life in perfect obedience and trust. By His death, Christ delivered us from our sins. By His resurrection, He grants us new and abundant life. By His love, He sanctifies the church to be His holy bride and now, prepares the wedding banquet.

Dying, You destroyed death. Rising, You restored life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Together we pray...

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer

Unison

Father, we thank You for this meal, shared in spirit with Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who makes us new and strong, and brings us eternal life. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

Response (Hymn #729)

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Postlude

O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee

J.S. Bach

Come Before the Table

*Come before the table, O come before the Lord.
O come, come and share the love that makes us one.
O come, come with one spirit, come with one hope, come with one song.
O come, come as you are knowing we all belong.
Come and share the blessing, O come and share the promise, O come and share the love.
O come, come with one mission, come with one love, come with one voice.
Come all, all near and far, let all the world rejoice!
Thee we adore, O hidden savior, thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be.
O come and share the blessing, O come and share the promise, O come and share the love.
O come before the table, O come.*

We welcome to our pulpit today, Reverend Carolyn Heyward. Rev. Carolyn served as Associate Pastor to our sister church, St. James Presbyterian Church. We are excited to have her with us this morning as we celebrate her sharing God's Word with us.

Welcome Reverend Carolyn Heyward!

New to James Island Presbyterian Church?

We'd like to say hello.
Please text **WELCOME** to 843-547-5090 OR Scan the QR code.



Reverend Carolyn Heyward, Guest Preacher
Hugh Knight, Organist
Reverend Cameron Smith, Children's Time

Special Thanks

Thank you to the Flower Guild for providing the weekly chancel arrangement.

Austin Smith, Preservice

Old Testament Readers

John O'Neill, 8:30am

Karie Ann Crowther, 11:00am

Anthem

Elisha Clyburn and Julie Frye, Soloists
(8:30am) Andrea Quinn and (11:00am) Josh Stokes, Djembe

Taylor Keathley, Video and Technical Support

Acts 8:26-40 NRSV

8 ²⁶Then 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.

John 15:1-8 NRSV

15 ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sun, May 2 | COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Presbyterian Youth of James Island Field Day at St. James | Wed, May 5 | 5:00pm Mid/Sr High In-Person Music 6:00pm Adult In-Person Bell Rehearsal 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir In-Person Rehearsal |
| Mon, May 3 | 10:30am In Person Women's Bible Study- Sanctuary | Thurs, May 6 | 10:00am First Thursday Circle |
| Tues, May 4 | 6:00am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm Personnel Committee | Sat, May 8 | 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Spring Mission Build Day 9:00am Little Lights |
| | | Sun, May 9 | ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship |

NURTURE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JIPC? Our next Inquirers' Class for those interested in learning more about James Island Presbyterian Church will be on Sunday, May 16 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Register by contacting the JIPC office at (843)795-3111; office@jamesislandpc.org.

REVELATION WELLNESS® OF THE LOWCOUNTRY meets weekly. ALL are welcome to join in a *Word In + Work Out* as we seek His wisdom in wellness and worship through movement. Donations: \$5 per class/ \$25 for the entire session. For more information, visit: www.revelationwellness.org.

MISSION

Give Generously! Serve Faithfully!



Yesterday was our first build day for this year's Spring Mission Project. Thanks to everyone who has supported the work thus far.

Currently, we have raised \$12,337 toward our \$15,000 goal, including \$5,000 budgeted funds and \$7,337 in donations! Please mark contributions for "Habitat/Spring Mission."

We have three build days remaining: May 8, and May 15. Ages 16+ can volunteer on site. Choose a shift, mark your calendar, and invite friends to serve with you! Space is limited to ten volunteers per shift, and COVID protocols will be in place. Sign up at www.seaislandhabitat.org/jipc today! We will also need help preparing and serving lunch between shifts each day. Please contact Don Moore if you can help: 843.730.4284 or dmoore713@gmail.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED! Deliver meals to seniors on James Island every other Friday. Meals are picked up from church between 10:30-11:30 a.m. and deliveries take about an hour. Contact Scott Graule for more information: 843.270.8384.

BETHELWOODS CAMP (IN YORK, SC) is currently hiring for summer jobs and would like your help finding excellent staff people. Bethelwoods staff members are imperfect but joyful, vulnerable, Christ-centered, hard-working, and kids-at-heart. If you know someone who wants to make a difference this summer while pursuing Jesus in an authentic community, this is the job for them. More information can be found at bethelwoods.org/job-opportunities.

STEWARDSHIP

Amount Received 4-25-21 \$320,240
Amount Budgeted 4-25-21 \$291,936

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE!

