



Acts 8: 26 – 39 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

²⁶ But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south^[a] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert road. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can’dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this:

“As a sheep led to the slaughter
or a lamb before its shearer is dumb,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken up from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. ³⁶ And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?”^[a] ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

Rev. W. Russell Freeman, Sr.
Pastor

Rev. Emily Kirby
Associate Pastor

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHITE

8:30 & 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"</i>	Sally Koontz
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
OPENING HYMN	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	UMH 393
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 8: 26 - 39	
SERMON	<i>"Breaking Rules: Holy Living"</i>	Rev. Emily Kirby
OFFERTORY PRAYER OFFERTORY	<i>"Prayer of Saint Frances" "Holy Water"</i>	Sally Koontz Kelly Campman
PRAYER		Rev. Emily Kirby
LORD'S PRAYER		
CLOSING HYMN	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	UMH 64
BENEDICTION		Rev. Emily Kirby
POSTLUDE	<i>"Rejoice the Lord is King"</i>	Sally Koontz

*Kelly Campman
Music Director*

*Sally Koontz
Pianist/Organist*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle-lu- - ia!

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

In Person Worship Guidelines/Rules (Revision)

Best Practices from the SC Conference of the United Methodist Church for In Person Gatherings – New Guidance and Updated Practices that are recommended.

This week we will begin 3 foot social distancing in both the Sanctuary & Life Center. When the Health and Wellness Nurse takes your temperature, you will be asked if have been vaccinated or in the process of receiving your COVID vaccination(s). We are not asking for proof or paperwork. We will take your word. Face masks are still required and 3 foot social distancing is in place.

***Drop in Communion** will be held again in the sanctuary on May 5 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM and May 19 from 9:15 – 10:30 AM. Rev. Joanne Lockard-Hawkins and her prayer group will be offering communion and a time to pray if you would like to have prayer at the time of communion.*

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Cereal & Powdered Milk Monthly Donations Weekend of May 2 & by 11:00 AM on Monday, May 3

Drop off your donations of cereal, powdered milk, canned meats, pasta and other items In the box outside the Life Center double doors. These will be taken to North Strand Helping Hand to be distributed to low income families in the area.

Alpha Youth Beach Day

Alpha Youth will be having an 'Alpha Day' on Saturday May 15 from 10 AM to 8 PM. We'll be having games at McLean Park, lunch, beach, pizza for dinner and a couple of videos thrown in and even more. All Alpha Youth are invited to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

Golf Tournament for Youth & Special Programs
Saturday, June 5
Eagle's Nest Golf Club in Little River
Tee Time is 8:30 AM

Cost is \$75 per person. Proceeds benefit to benefit the Youth & Special Program

In Person @ 9AM as well as Digital!!
Our Next Study

BLUEPRINTS: A 4-WEEK SERIES ON GOD'S PLANS THROUGH JESUS

Blueprints are a kind of plan that helps engineers, architects, and drafters to know how a project should go. Plans are everywhere. Kids find plans at school, in their lego sets, and even in their video games. But the best kind of plans are the ones that help us grow. Through the life of Jesus, we're going to find out that God's plans are perfect, love is the foundation of God's plans, that Jesus said yes to God's plans, and most of all that we are included in God's plans. [DOWNLOAD THE ELEMENTARY PARENT GUIDE](#)

THIS WEEK AT LRUMC

Sunday, May 2

8:30 Traditional Service in Person
9:00 Little River Kids Ministry - Streaming on Facebook & in Person
9:00 Alpha Youth, Rm 120
9:30 Contemporary Service in Person
10:30 Pairs & Spares Bible Study via Zoom
6:00 UMYF

Monday, May 3

9:30 Room in use, Rm 119
10:00 Dignity Ministry, Life Center

Tuesday, May 4

11:00 Digital Women's Bible Study, Emily Kirby in Life Center
6:30 River Praise Band Practice

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 – 11:00 Drop in Communion, Sanctuary
12:00 Wednesday Service, In person in sanctuary
6:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 6

10:00 Dignity Ministry

Friday, May 7

5:00 Shepherd's Table Dinner, Food Pick up only

Our Presence on April 25, 2021

In Person Worship Returning from Covid-19 Church Closing.

8:30 AM 58
9:30 AM 89
11:00 AM 50
Worship Total: **197**

OUR PRAYERS

Charlie Angelini, Wayne Baker, Carol Bailey, Hilda Barnes, Joyce Ann Bolig, Bette Bosworth, Henry Boore, Wayne & Jo Booth, Bruce Boulineau, Margaret Brainard, Ray Brick, Helena Burkey, JoAnne Carrison, Rick Clayton, Bonnie Clore, Ron Colyer, Ann & Ed Compton, George Clark, Teresa & Bud Cox, Fred Crum, Crystal Damron, Pat Deen, Kathy Devine, Carroll Edwards, Leon Fithian, Betty Guildo, Steve Halderman, Josh Hancock, Caroline Hester, June Humphreys, Bonnie & Jake Kanoy, Julia Kenney, Hap LaBonge, Bill & Linda Lesler, Bill Lesnick, Jack Loftis, Judy Mattson, Laraine McCaskill, Jeannette McFee, Frankie Melvin, Don & Joyce Miller, Estelle Minicozzi, Mike Mitchell, Lorraine Martin, Henry Boore, Jerry Neuss, Frank Palaia, Alan Paynter, Gary Perkins, Priscilla Rivera, Calvin Saunders, Kathy Shipman, Jane Swanson, Jerry & Barbara Titshaw, Diana Troutt, Jim Weeks, Robert Witt, Bonnie Woods

*** Medical Support personnel, First Responders and ALL Essential Workers that are protecting and serving us during this time of need.*

***All military especially those in harm's way.*