

Worship on Sunday, Jan 24, 2016

Since we are not able to gather as a worshipping community this morning, here are some worship resources that you can use at home. This morning we kick off a sermon series based on Unbinding Your Heart.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107:1-9)

- A O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
- C Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.**
- A Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- C Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**
- A Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love and for his wonderful works. He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
- C Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord!**

Prayer of the Day

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 8:26-37

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south[a] 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?”

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John 1:43-46

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

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