

Philip and the Ethiopian by Ann Chapin

WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 10:30 AM MAY 5, 2024 614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511 www.carypresbyterian.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

Renner

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregational Introit Christ Has Risen



CCLI No.: 3015474

*Call to Worship

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn	O God in Whom All Life Begins	
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No. 308

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation: **Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.**

*Response Exsultet Liam Lawton joice, Re joice, re joice, gone for-ev-er is the night! Re _ re o ris - en is the Lord of light! joice,

Word

Prayer for Illumination Audrey Sausman Scripture Reading Isaiah 56:1-8 This is the word of the Lord. One: Thanks be to God. All: Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40 The Message Unqualified... and Included Paul Lang Take Us As We Are, O God *Hymn No. 312

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

- For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Litany for 2024 Graduates by Kayla Craig

O God, Creator of beginnings and endings, We pray for the graduates. Walk ahead of them and beside them As they step into a confusing world Littered with loss but glittering with hope.

You were with every newborn squeal and first step and lost tooth. Remind us that you, too, are with them now, as our children look ahead and wonder what is to come. We lament the ways we have confused productivity with worth and projected that onto our children.

And we pray that our graduates know their belovedness doesn't rest in their accomplishments. We pray for an emboldened generation that refuses to accept the systems they've inherited. And we pray that we support them as they bring imagination and energy, passion and creativity to love the world you made and the people in it.

O God, Creator of beginnings and endings, we pray for the graduates. Be with us as we celebrate in new ways, and when we cannot celebrate, be with us as we cry. Give them, and us, a new lens of seeing the world and hope for the future in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Responding

Offering

Offertory All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice Vivaldi/arr. Hopson Chancel Choir

All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice; now sing we alleluia. Praise the Lord. Rejoice, rejoice and sing. Sing alleluia, sing, for Christ is risen. Sound the trumpet, sound the harp. Praise the Lord. Sing alleluia, sing, Christ reigns on high. Sound the trumpet, sound the harp. Praise the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

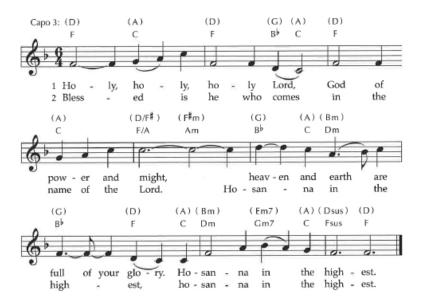
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story.

He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise. Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Hymn	In Christ There Is No East or West (vv. 1-3)	No. 317
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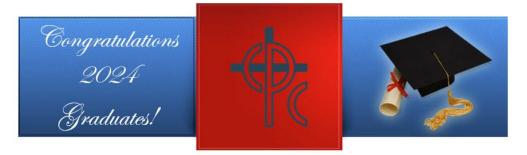
*Blessing and Charge

*Response	In Christ There Is No East or West (v. 4)	No. 317
	(See previous hymn)	
*Postlude	Maestoso in C Major	Boellmann

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft Music Director: Ed Yasick; Choir: Chancel Choir Lay Reader: Audrey Sausman Time with Our Children: Jen Pierce Ushers: Tom Bolick, Jane Dunbar, Susan Bowdish, Jim Bowdish Tech: Ken Worsham Slides: Jane Dunbar



2024 High School Graduates

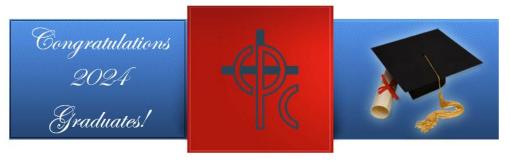
Maxton Bohm Alan Burton Kyle Czika Parker Farless Mary Blake Herring Blythe Holloway Griffin Patrick Sarah Pierce Liam Rackley Katelyn Riffle

2024 College Graduates

Emma Anderson, daughter of Craig & Terry Anderson, Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management, from Meredith College School of Business

Betsy Bowdish, daughter of Jim & Susan Bowdish, Bachelor of Science in Child Development with a focus on Early Intervention, from Appalachian State University

Spencer D. Burke, son of Dan & Jenn Burke, grandson of Penny and George Burke, Bachelor of Science in Marketing, from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT.



2024 College Graduates

Ella Burton, daughter of Troy & Leah Burton, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Marketing, from Meredith College School of Business

Valerie Campbell, daughter of John & Beth Campbell, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Organizational Management, from UNC Charlotte

Alexandra K. Mitchell, niece of Peggy Viser, Doctor of Physical Therapy from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Hannah Pierce, daughter of Shane & Jen Pierce, granddaughter of Penny & George Burke, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, summa cum laude, with a concentration in Veterinary Bioscience, from NC State University

Nick Reed, grandson of Peg Giesbrecht, PhD in Physics, from Imperial College London

Ella Troiano, daughter of Sarah & Jason Troiano, Bachelor of Arts in Design Studies with a concentration in Business Administration, from NC State University.

Corinne Walker, daughter of Scott & Mary Walker, Bachelor of Science in Public Health from UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health

	THIS WEEK AT					
CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH						
Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org						
Sunday,	9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation: Pre-K – Grade 5 (C. Ed. Wing)				
May 5	9:15 a.m.	Adult FF: 'CPC Reads' Documentary and				
		Discussion (Fellowship Hall)				
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)				
	11:30 a.m.	Graduates' Reception (Fellowship Hall)				
		No Christian Adventurers Activity				
Monday,	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)				
May 6	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 1951 (Youth Area)				
	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 271 (Youth Area)				
	6:30 p.m.	Scout BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall)				
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting (Sanctuary)				
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting (Zoom)				
	7:00 p.m.	Cub scout Pack 232 Den Meetings (C. Ed. Bldg.)				
Tuesday,	11:00 a.m.	Triple F (100)				
May 7	6:00 p.m.	Scout Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)				
	7:00 p.m.	Cool Books Club (Zoom)				
		No Adult Virtual Class Scheduled				
Wednesday,	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)				
May 8						
Thursday, May 9	7:00 p.m.	Communications Team (Zoom)				
Friday,	12:00 p.m.	Preschool Teacher Luncheon (100)				
May 10	4:30 p.m.	Christian Adventurers Activity (FH/Youth Area)				
,, 10	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)				
Saturday,						
May 11						
Sunday,		Pastor's Class on hiatus until Fall				
May 12	9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation: Pre-K – Grade 5 (C. Ed. Wing)				
- /	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)				
	2:00 p.m.	Compass Group (Parlor)				
	5:00 p.m.	Christian Adventurers Activity				
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Weekly Floral Dedication The flowers in the Sanctuary this week are given to the Glory of God in honor of our 2024 high school and college graduates by Penny Burke.