

YOU
will be my
WITNESSES

**A SERMON SERIES
IN ACTS**

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday, July 11, 2021

APPROACH

The Call to Worship	Psalm 98:1-4
<i>Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King *</i>	
<i>Before the Throne of God Above *</i>	
The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon	Don Johnson
Gloria Patri *	

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Reading of Scripture: Acts 8:26-40	
The Prayer for Illumination	
<i>Rise and Go</i>	Pastor Rhett Austin

RESPONSE

<i>Redeemed</i> (Hymn #521) *	
Communion	
Haiti Prayer Opportunity	Isaac & Erin Evans
The Prayers of the People	Ryan Lorimer
<i>Your Great Name *</i>	
The Lord's Prayer	
The Benediction *	
The Doxology *	Hymn #625

* Please stand, if able

ACTS 8:26-40 (ESV)

PAGE #917 IN PEW BIBLE

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. **27** And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over 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 that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not 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 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, 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 about Jesus. **36** And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" **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 carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

NURSERY AND CHILDCARE

Children are always welcome to worship with their parents for the duration of the service at Faith Community Church. Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, we are not offering distinct nursery and childcare at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NURSING ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Nursing Room (just outside of the WC) is now available for mothers of small children. Livestream access to the worship service, comfortable seating, and amenities for feeding and changing babies is provided. We are thankful to be able to welcome mothers in this way and are grateful to everyone who worked together to make this space available.

PUBLIC WI-FI AT FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Public Wi-Fi connection is available to you if needed. The username and password for the public Wi-Fi is FaithChurch.

MISSIONAL PRAYER LIST

Join us in praying for these particular people, ministries, and needs this week. The prayer requests below follow our church's purpose statement: "We exist for the glory of Christ, the growth of his church, and the good of the community." If you have a prayer request you would like included in the Midweek Update and bulletin, please contact our church office at 630-231-8230; churchoffice@faithchurchwc.org.

FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST

Praise God for his faithfulness to our church and pray that he would equip us to do all things to the glory of Christ.

FOR THE GROWTH OF HIS CHURCH

(see monthly missionary prayer update for additional information, available in the narthex)

Ric & Bobbie Bekius and Seung & Amy Kim (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Our Church Leaders and Ministries

Pastor Rhett and his family

Elders Larry LaBelle & Tim Wierenga

Worship Ministry & Connection teams

Chicago Friends of Haiti and El Shaddai Ministries International:

stability, peace, and justice within Haiti; wisdom and strength for the Haitian pastors and churches

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

National and Local Government):
West Chicago and County police departments

Local Mission Partnership

PADS provides needed resources for the homeless and marginalized in our communities.

MISSIONAL PRAYER LIST (CONT.)

Congregational Needs

Evalyn Tyler: On Thursday Evalyn was hospitalized with stroke-like symptoms. The doctors determined it was TIA and she was able to return home on Friday. Please pray for rest and recuperation for Evalyn.

Shirley Woomer (Amy-Jo Wierenga's mom): Shirley had a procedure on Friday to repair a knee replacement. Pray for a complete recovery following the surgery.

Karla Van Der Molen: Pray for strength and wisdom for Karla as she evaluates the best options for treatment following an ALS diagnosis.

Lou Carter: Pray for healing and encouragement for Lou who has been diagnosed with cancer in her lungs and liver.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

9:30am Worship Service (in-person & livestream)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

10:00am Women's Bible study, room 3/4

IN SERVICE

TODAY

Sound & Computer

Bryan Van Zanten

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Sound & Computer

Dan Wetherington

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

Rise and Go

Acts 8:26-40

PASTOR RHETT AUSTIN