Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Jan Dobbs

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music

Partita on "Creator God, Creating Still", IV. Meditation David Lasky

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ. All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Partita on "Creator God, Creating Still", V. Toccata David Lasky David Williams, organ







Michael E. Karunas Senior Minister

Tina Miller Associate Minister Youth Director

David Martin

Ben Hawkinson Interim Director of Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, August 1, 2021 **Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude

Partita on "Creator God, Creating Still", I. Trio, II. Chimes

David Lasky

David Williams, organ

Introit

*Opening Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This (vs. 1, 3, 4) No. 200

*Responsive Reading

Leader: Sing to our God a new song. People: God has done marvelous things!

Leader: God Is gracious to us.

People: Every good and perfect gift Is from above.

Leader: May God make his face shine on us

People: So that his ways may be known on earth.

*Invocation

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever,

Amen.

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Anthem

Creator God, Creating Still

No. 62

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response (8:00)

Bob Craggs, special music (10:30)

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

(10:30) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Special Music

Wilberg

(8:00) Bob Craggs

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 10:1-10 & Acts 8:26-40

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Summer Favorites: Southern Travels: Gifts and Blessings From God

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1, 2, 4)

No. 22

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Linda Virgil

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Prayer List

Members

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Max Sperry (Randall Residence)
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)
Doris Matey (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)
Trysten Hall (son of Sheila & Charles Hall, great-grandson of Lawrence & Sally Thicksten)
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary (great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)

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Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann) Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor) Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford) Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith) Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs) Timothy Littrell (friend of the Lintons & the Bednars) Brook Stewart (Parents friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar) Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter) Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members) Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack) Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean) Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes) Melissa Phelps (friend of Derald Hartley) Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter) Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter) Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk) Dr. Albert "Albie" Gillman (friend of Marci Baumann) Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden) Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor) Gil Baumann (father of Steve Baumann) Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince) Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk) Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar) Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich) Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash) Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert) Andrea Kaufman (friend of Mary Jane Oliver) Owen (grandson of Janet & John Downs) Vicky McGorray (friend of Connie Bordner) Mary Lynn Watson (friend of Larry & Kathy Pepper) Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor) Betty Barnes (mother of Greg Barnes) David Spry (brother of Tom Spry) Brian DeBrun (friend of Greg & Gale Barnes)

Worship Extras August 1, 2021

For your reflection (in preparation for the message): Have you ever found something you didn't know you were looking for?

1 Kings10:1-10

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with riddles. So, she came to Jerusalem with a very large caravan (entourage), with camels carrying spices, a great quantity of gold, and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about everything that was on her mind [to discover the extent of his wisdom].

Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king which he did not explain to her. When the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house (palace) which he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his servants (court officials), the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, his stairway by which he went up to the house (temple) of the LORD, she was breathless and awed [by the wonder of it all].

Then she told the king, "The report which I heard in my own land about your words and wisdom is true! I did not believe the report until I came and saw it with my own eyes. Behold, the half of it was not told to me. You exceed in wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard. How blessed (fortunate, happy) are your men!

How blessed are these your servants who stand continually before you, hearing your wisdom! Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, He made you king to execute justice and righteousness." She gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again did such an abundance of spices come in [to Israel] as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.

Acts 8:26-40

But 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 road. 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 and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." So, Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. 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?"

And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip, and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 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. Philip was found at Azo'tus and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

These stories are about being surprised while traveling and how God's blessings are often so much more than we expect.

The characters of the stories have things in common.

- 1) They all had curiosity to explore something to make their lives better.
- 2) They all took action.
- 3) They all received a blessing, a gift from God.

The next time you travel – on physical and spiritual journeys, remember travel and surprises seem to be companions. Be encouraged to focus on the blessings. Blessings are a gifts. Every good and perfect gift is from God. God specializes in exceeding our expectations.