



*“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



## **West Richmond Church of the Brethren**

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**

*My Redeemer*

Franklin Ritter

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)

This morning we worship a risen Christ. “God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

### \* Opening Prayer

### \* Opening Song *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Billy J. Foote

## CELEBRATE GOD’S FAMILY

**Time with Our Children**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Song**

*In my life, God, be glorified*

#1027

(additional verses use our song, your church, your world)

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

**Thoughts on Giving**

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

“People go through three conversions: their head, their heart, and their pocketbook. Unfortunately, not all at the same time.” How might we consider supporting the ministry of West Richmond?

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Special Music**

*Proclaim the Glory of the Lord*

Liles/Borop

**Scripture Lesson**

Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV)

## **Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the

eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Sermon**            “He Went His Way Rejoicing”

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\* **Closing Hymn**            *I love to tell the story*            #398

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Softly and Tenderly*                      Will Thompson

*\* Please stand as able and led*



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Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader .....	Pat Gangwer
Song Leader.....	Bob Gangwer
Children’s Time.....	Terrie Glass
Special Music .....	Bob Gangwer
Flautist .....	Sarah Beers
Guitarist .....	David Whitten
Pianist.....	Bob Phillips
Dir. of Technology & Media.....	Kevin Beers

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