

Welcome to Roseville

We Are Honored by Your Presence

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 10:30 A.M.

Vision to Victory 2024

Weekly Theme: Not Knowing Whose on the List but
Growing in Love and Openness

OPENING HYMN

Worship Leader: Devin Ramsay

The story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch reveals God's unexpected ways of working to expand the kingdom. Just as Philip felt led to engage with a stranger, we too are called to step outside our comfort zones. Today, let us focus on 'Growing in Love and Openness' opening our hearts and minds to being used by God in surprising ways.

Please stand for our call to worship.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)*

Worship Leader: An angel of the Lord instructed Philip to leave the known path...

Congregation: And go toward a desert road.

Worship Leader: The Spirit prompted Philip to approach a stranger's chariot...

Congregation: Uncertain of who he would encounter.

Worship Leader: Philip was obedient, not knowing the outcome.

Congregation: Opening himself to a transformative encounter.

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us openness and unexpected missions.

Congregation: May our hearts be receptive to being used by the Spirit in surprising ways.

Let us sing with renewed commitment to being led by God beyond what we already know and understand.

***SONG OF WORSHIP (Congregational)**

God of surprises, sometimes You call us to embrace the unfamiliar. Give us the courage and discernment to recognize those whom You place in our path. Expand our understanding of your love that knows no boundaries.

MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:

(Lay Leader – Not In Unison)

Devin Ramsay

God of love and welcome, break down the barriers we build in our hearts and minds. Expand our understanding of your kingdom, which transcends borders and expectations. Grant us the courage and humility to see your divine work in the unexpected and embrace those whom you bring into our lives. Amen.

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Devin Ramsay

Good morning, again! I greet you in the blessed name of our LORD. It is a joy to see everyone in worship with us today in person and virtually!

For those joining us for the first, we're honored to have you. If this is your second, or even the third time it is a blessing to have you back with us and we trust that you all will feel the warmth and love of Christ in this place. We want to take a moment as a church community to welcome and acknowledge one another with a wave and smile. Roseville would just wave and smile at your neighbor, right where you are!

And to our online community, we acknowledge you as well! Kindly drop a greeting in the comments to let us know you're with us.

For our in-person worshippers, there's a guest connection card [**show card**]. It's a way for you to share any prayer requests, express interest in joining a ministry, or start a conversation

with the pastor. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate later.

If you're joining us online and feel moved to connect further, simply type, "I want to connect," and we will be in touch.

May God's blessings be upon each one of you. Let us continue our worship in song and spirit!

MUSIC SELECTION

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

***PASTORAL CONCERNS** (Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY) Choir

OFFERING

Call for Offering

Devin Ramsay

Inspired by Philip's obedience in sharing the Good News with a stranger, let us offer our gifts for the expansion of God's kingdom. May our generosity reflect our openness to serving wherever the Spirit leads, extending love and grace to those we may not yet know.

OFFERTORY SELECTION

**Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...."*

Prayer of Dedication

God of limitless love, bless these offerings. May they sow seeds of your welcome and compassion within our community and far beyond. Help us recognize and embrace the unexpected ways your mission reaches the hearts of people, just as the Ethiopian eunuch was unexpectedly transformed through Philip's ministry. Amen

The story of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch challenges us to embrace those God puts in our path. Let us now listen to God's word in Acts 8:26-40, opening our hearts to his message of inclusion and love that transcends boundaries.

Let us now turn to the Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ 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.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the 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?"[Ⓜ] ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip[Ⓜ] baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.

After this next selection we will have our message from Rev. Marshall.

SERMONIC SELECTION

Choir

SERMON:

Rev. Touré Marshall

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN:

BENEDICTION

***Congregational Response: “Amen.”**

***POSTLUDE**

***Signifies all who are able; please stand.**

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