

April 28th
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)

“So Are We In The World”

Text: 1 John 4:7-21
(Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8)

We are reminded that this peace of Christ with us is not for our personal possession. We are called to release this in the world through our lives. We began our Easter celebration by hearing the words from the tomb that we will see Jesus. We heard of the importance as a community of faith to strive to be of one mind and soul. We heard that we are to be like him as the standard of our faith and life. We were reminded of the importance of learning to identify the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us. Now, we are reminded that this peace is not a personal possession meant to be kept close. We are called to be as Christ in the world. This story from Acts is timely in that it was on the way from Jerusalem to Gaza. It was a wilderness road and still is. God sent Phillip to bring an Ethiopian eunuch into relationship with Christ. How are we being sent onto the wilderness road in our time to also bring the peace of Christ? The letter of John reminds us that how we love one another is a reflection of God's love and how we are to be in the world. The Gospel of John reminds us that we are simply the branches. We only bear fruit as we abide in the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ. As we abide in Christ and he in us, we become the peace and love of God in the world. As he was, so are we in the world. God's peace is for the whole world!