



I am the vine;  
you are the branches.

JOHN 15:5

**Martin United Methodist Church**  
**Service of Worship**

*bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison*

May 2, 2021

8:30 a.m.

**Welcome**

Ted McIlvain

**Prelude**

Jieun Lee

**Call to Worship**

Caleb Bennetch

One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant,  
alive, productive.**

One: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**All: *May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.***

~~written by Joanna Harader (2011) and posted on **Spacious Faith**.~~

**Hymn**

*Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother*

# Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

Shirley Murray

Trad. Harm. Carlton Young

1. Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?  
 2. Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - bled  
 3. Love will re - late us - col - or or sta - tus  
 4. Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion

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all those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:  
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:  
 can't seg - re - gate us, round Je - sus Christ:  
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:

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Spir - it - blown peo - ple, born from the Gos - pel  
 Crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - tures' e - nig - mas  
 Fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings -  
 Here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,

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sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.  
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.  
 all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.  
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus Christ.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Caleb Bennetch

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

Gloria Patri

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria Patri. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

## Prayers of the People

Ted McIlvain

### The 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Clifton Howard

**Offertory Prayer**

Ted McIlvain

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**Offertory**

*Cornerstone*  
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

arr. Lloyd Larson

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al-le -  
5 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up -  
10 lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Rev. Dr. Clifton Howard

## **Prayer After Receiving**

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the  
strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Invitation**

Ted McIlvain

## **Hymn**

*Christ, We Are Blest*

# Christ, We Are Blest

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Trad. Irish Folk Melody



1. Christ, we are blest as we gath - er to dine,  
2. You laid your life down like sow - ing a seed;  
3. Christ, you are ris - en, but not far a - bove:  
4. Je - sus, you feed us, then bid us to leave,

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strength - ened for love by the bread and the wine.  
once dead and bur - ied, from death you are freed,  
you live a - mong us in each act of love,  
shar - ing with oth - ers the love we re - ceive.

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This is your bod - y, now ent - er - ing ours,  
ris - ing like wheat in the warmth of the sun!  
in ev - ery deed of com - pas - sion you rise,  
We are your bod - y, sent by your com - mand,

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strong with your lov - ing, mi - rac - u - lous powers.  
Christ, you are ris - en! New life has be - gun!  
liv - ing in flesh we can see with our eyes.  
mak - ing love real as the bread in our hands.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Clifton Howard

**Postlude**

*Faith Eternal*  
Emma Wimberg

Edward Broughton