

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY , 2, 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ, even if we're not sure what that means.

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

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

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

All: We come because we want to be faithful disciples.

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God, the loving and wise Gardner.

All: Connected to Jesus, may we grow in faithfulness, grace, and mercy. Amen.

HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AN AFFIRMATION

One: Lord, we would grow with you:

All: New shoots reaching out, hands stretched upward, like leaves newly formed, soaking up your light and warmth.

One: Lord, we would grow with you:

All: In sunshine and rain, in darkness and light, in cold days and summer days, from springtime to winter.

One: Lord, we would grow with you:

All: And bring forth fruit, refreshed by your living water, rooted and grounded in Christ, giving sustenance to others.

All: Lord, we would grow with you.

GLORIA

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ in sign and word.

OFFERTORY MOMENT

ANTHEM

Bread of the World

*R. Shephard*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

SERMON

the Rev. Dr. James Campbell

"Core Strength"

HYMN

by Danny Daniels

You Are the Vine

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

*(The Ministers continue to pray.)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION

One: And now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus.

*†Silence is kept†*

One: We remember that he came to us humbly.

All: **He put aside the glory that was his.**

One: We remember that his ministry was to the least, last, and lost.

All: **He taught us to welcome the stranger.**

One: We remember that your will is revealed to us as we trust your love.

All: **He did your will, and trusted your love.**

*(The Ministers continue to speak.)*

#### 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.

#### SHARING BREAD AND CUP

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Thank you, holy God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the fruits of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the true Vine. Amen.

#### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

#### HYMN

You Are the Vine

#### BLESSING AND BENEDICTION