



Sunday, May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Service

Worship Music

Rejoice the Lord is King

Dave Neve, Bill Crowther, and Brett Goad, trio
Diane Hires, piano

Charles Wesley, text, John Darwell
arr. Dan Forrest

Now the Green Blade Riseth

The Westminster Select Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

Hymn of Promise

Claire Tolson*

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Lloyd Larson

The Lord's Prayer (Deliver Us)

Judy Hanley, solo*

Jason Saetveit

Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

Andrew Johnson, leading our singing*

Thought for the Day

"The planet does not need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of all kinds."

– Dalai Lama

Gathering

Tolling of the Bell

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

****Call to Worship**

Provocative and surprising is the God of resurrection!

How wonderful are the strange ways of God.

Making holy our sorrow...

God births life from death.

Disavowing power that threatens and destroys,

God is a force of justice, transformative and restoring.

The peculiar practices of God unsettle and confuse.

Whatever shape love will take, it is welcome in this place.

– enfleshed

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Pattie Barnes, organ

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, gather us into your vine. Wrap us in your nourishment and love. God when times get hard or we don't have all of the answers, it is too easy to hide from you and from community. Too often we give up on ourselves and others in the face of difficulty and the unknown. Bring us back together, God. Magnify the image of you that each of us carries in us that we might see each person including ourselves as wholly and truly yours.

Amen.

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.

Special Music *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*
Grant Sahr*

Geoffrey O'Hara

A Moment for Children

John Smoke

Children are asked to please gather around the screen at home.

Community Prayers

Reading of the Holy Scripture — John 15:1–8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon

"How Our Branches Grow"

Deacon Wes

Confirmation Recognition

Matthew Anthony
John Maxwell Brockway
Jennifer Leigh Buehler
Lexi Blessing Keown
Carter Matthew Moravec

Jillian Marie Peters
Morgan Elyse Reynolds
John Edward Riedmaier
Shane Foster Sanhamel
Harrison John Storrs

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Concerto for Bassoon
Rondo
Owen Nystrom*

W. A. Mozart

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Doxology

**Benediction

Response and Postlude Music

Because He Lives
Julie Spring and John Barnes, duet*

Allegro Maestoso e vivace, Op. 65, No. 2
Pattie Barnes, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

Assisting in Today's Worship

Claude R. King, Sr., Senior Pastor
Andi Voinovich, Associate Pastor
John Smoke, Director of Christian Education
Wes Dorr, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Maria Penrod, Seminarian
Pattie Barnes, Special Music Coordinator, pianist, and organist
Kevin Butler, scripture reader

Special Announcements

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the work of the church!

Thank you to all the wonderful musicians who have blessed our worship today!
John Barnes, Bill Crowther, Brett Goad, Judy Hanley, Diane Hires, Andrew Johnson,
Dave Neve, Owen Nystrom, Grant Sahr, Julie Spring, Claire Tolson, and
The Westminster Select Ringers

* *Piano accompaniment provided by Pattie Barnes.*

***Please rise as you are able. **Bold** text indicates congregational response at home.*