

Hear these words from the Gospel of John (15:1-8)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 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.

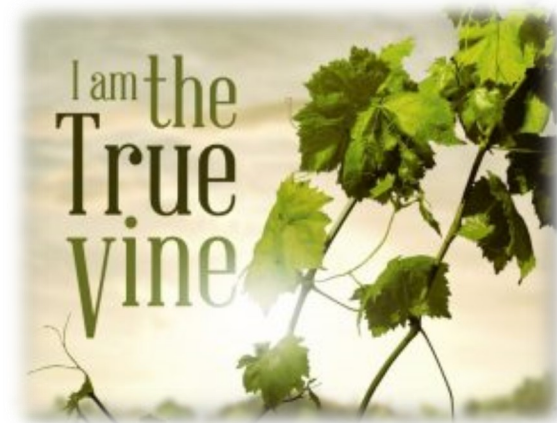
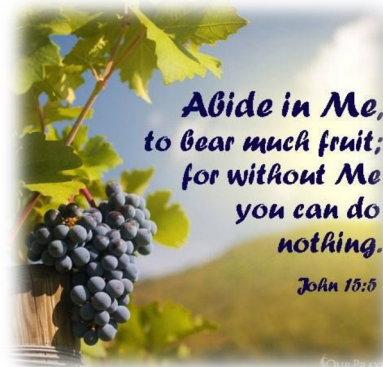
Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide 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.

A Reflection ~ Always Connected

THE PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD & COMMUNITY

followed by **The Lord's Prayer** (p. 34, hymnal)



***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (all read the bold)

People of God, in whom do you believe?

We believe in God, the Root of all living, Creator of all things.

We live in Christ Jesus, God's Son,
who loved all people and who makes us one in his love.
**Christ is our Vine, and we are his branches;
and without him we cannot live.**

We live by the Holy Spirit, God alive in us,
for the sake of the healing of the world through love,
And as members of the church, the Body of Christ,
we devote ourselves to lives of love and service.
**We rejoice in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life.**

***HYMN 468 "In My Life, Be Glorified"**

***BENEDICTION**

***ALL SING** "The Celtic Alleluia" (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!) - repeat



All are invited to the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)



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Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Preparation for Worship: "I am the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. My sheep hear my voice and follow me. I know them, and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold, and I must bring them, also." (John 10:11-16)

Welcome & Announcements
Please sign & pass the Friendship pad

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 19 "God of Great and God of Small"**

***PSALM 22** (all read the bold print)

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I pay before those who serve him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

Future generations will be told about the Lord,
and will proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and God rules over the nations.**

***Share the peace of the Risen Christ with those around you**

Children's Time with the Pastor

Proclamation in Song

"10,000 Reasons"

M. Redman

All sing as directed:

**"Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul! Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

A TIME OF CONFESSION – (all read the bold)

I'd like to be attentive to the song of birds and all creatures hymning the world to you in praise;

But I haven't time, Lord.

I'd like to have eight, full glorious hours of sleep; to awake refreshed and new with joy each morning,

But I haven't time.

I'd like to visit those who are ill and shut-in, who need a smile and a touch of human care;

But I haven't time.

I'd like to bring healing and peace to the imprisoned, to the stranger, to the dying;

But I haven't time.

I'd like to write a long letter to my family and friends, asking how life is with them;

But I haven't time.

*I'd like to be still one evening long enough to see the change from light to dark,
and the chorus of stars appear in the night sky;*

But I haven't time.

I'd like to be grateful and praise you for all that I've been given, blessings enough to fill an ocean;

Forgive me for thinking that I have no time.

Help us to know that our times are in your hands, and plentiful enough for gratitude.

All sing Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (repeat)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all say: Thanks be to God!



Hear the words of Psalm 23 (NRSV)

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul, and leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

A Reflection ~ Running Over

Proclamation in Song

"Come to Me and Rest"

Bonar/ arr. Larson

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live" . . . I heard the voice of Jesus say "I am this world's dark Light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright" . . .

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (When prompted, you are invited to offer aloud names or concerns in prayer.)

**Remain seated & sing
as the offering is
received**

*Women sing stanza 1,
all sing 2 & 3*

1 Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with your Lord;
2 Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
3 Take time to be ho - ly, let him be your guide,
a - bid in him al - ways, and feed on his Word.
spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak;
By look - ing to Je - sus, like him you shall be;
In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low your Lord,
for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
your friends in your con - duct his like - ness will see.
and look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.

WORDS: William D. Longstaff (1822-1894), alt.
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