

Chapel at Church

Communion Service for May 2, 2021

PRELUDE "I Love You, Lord" -arr. D. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

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 of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

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

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE **John 15:1-8** (*page 109*)

MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION "If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments" -E. Butler

GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to share in this meal with Christ Jesus as our host. You need not be a member of this church or this denomination.)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

As we prepare to go our separate ways, O God, let this time of communion be a reminder that through Jesus Christ you are with us always. Help the love of Christ that we have experienced here shine in us and act through us. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
(*If you are uncomfortable around singing, we invite you to leave during the songs introduction.*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “They’ll Know We Are Christians” -arr. W. Held

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.