Words of Welcome

Welcome to Worship!

As you get ready for Worship this morning, consider this story and questions —
Roger Merrill relates the story of a busy man who decided to landscape his grounds.
He hired a woman with a doctorate in horticulture and emphasized to her
the need to create a maintenance-free garden with automatic sprinklers
and other labor-saving devices since he was too busy to spend much time on upkeep.
Finally she stopped and said, "There's one thing you need
to deal with before we go any further.

If there's no gardener, there's no garden!"

How is God the gardener of your life? Are you connected to the Vine?



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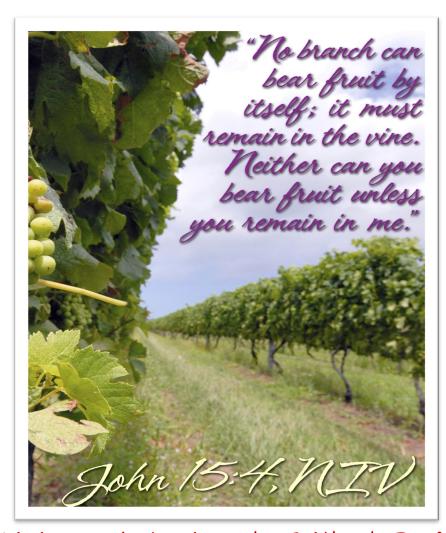
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Living and Sharing The Faith We Profess April 28, 2024

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

"All Day Long My Heart Keeps Singing" PRELUDE

Cathy Murray

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"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

WELCOME Pastor Kathleen

ANNOUNCEMENTS Barb Jensen

*CALL TO WORSHIP (The People's part is in **Bold**.)

Leader: Christ says: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

What do you say?

All: Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Shelter us!

Leader: Christ says: You have been cleansed by the word that I have

spoken to you.

All: Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Prune us!

Leader: Christ says: Abide in me as I abide in you.

All: Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Sustain us!

Leader: Christ says: Apart from me you can do nothing.

All: Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Save us!

Leader: Christ says: Ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

All: Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Alleluia! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "How Can We Name A Love"

THE PEOPLE AT PRAYER

Prayer of Confession Together (Let us pray together.) Speak truth to our hearts, O God.

Speak love to our lives, so that we may remain in your love and share your love joyously with others.

Speak grace to our souls, that we may rest in your grace

and forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Speak mercy to our world, that all the world may know your love

and find redemption in your grace. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"It Is Well With Mv Soul"

Colleen Becker

Cathy Murray

TIME OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Offertory in Ab"

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

BLESSING THE OFFERING Pastor Kathleen

SCRIPTURE John 15: 1-11 Barb Jensen

> This is the Word of God for the people of God Leader:

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN #314 "In the Garden"

"How To Be A Branch" Pastor Kathleen Puntar **MESSAGE**

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "Now the Green Blade Riseth" #311

*BENEDICTION

"Here I Am. Lord" *SUNG BENEDICTION #593

(Verse 1 & Refrain)

*POSTLUDE "Everlasting Victory" Cathy Murray

*Please stand if you are able.