Prayer requests will be sent to our Prayer Team and displayed on the notice board in Fellowship Hall throughout the week. Please pray for:

#### **OUR VISION**

We seek to be a Christ-centered church family that fosters deeper relationships with God and each other as we reach beyond the walls of the church.

### <u>STAFF</u>

Reverend Brad Morgan, Pastor James Tucker, Church Organist/Vocal Music Coordinator (8:30) Myrlene Etienne, Sonia Montigny, Jackie O'Connor, Dawn Tuthill, Praise Team Members Sonel Eugene, IT Coordinator Sonia Montigny, Coordinator of Children's Activities Joanne Maher, Communications Coordinator Alice Cloherty, Bookkeeper Candy Dein, Sound Technician Susan Cunningham, Food Pantry Coordinator Michael DeFabrizio, Community Meal (SOS) Coordinator Rob Laing, Community Life Chair Jeff Dein, Custodian Derek Kudrle, Custodian Assistant Andy Lagendyk, Clerk of Session Jean Bazelais, Church Treasurer Nancy O'Connor, Moderator of the Board of Deacons Andy and Corrie Lagendyk, Head Ushers



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# John 15: 1-8



Since 1730

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 8:30 A. M. WORSHIP

We welcome your feedback and suggestions:

April 28, 2024

## IN WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

**The Opening Word** "Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine."  $\sim$  Psalm 80:14

#### **GATHERING**

#### **Opening Music**

work!

"Just As I Am" (Bock)

#### Welcome/Call to Worship

Leader: God comes among us as we gather together today. **People: Therefore, we rejoice in a God who abides among us.** Leader: God grounds us in the eternal embrace of divine love. **People: Without God's love and guidance, we would be lost.** Leader: God seeks to embrace all creation though us. **People: Let us be branches of God's heavenly vineyard, stretching forth to His** 

\*Congregational Hymn #552 (v. 1,2,4, ) "I Am Thine, O Lord"

(Connect forms will be collected as we sing the second verse.)

#### Coming to Terms with Ourselves and God

(Moment of silence for personal confession of sin.)

Leader: Lord through Your Son's redemptive act,

People: Compel us to look at the fruitlessness of our lives.

Leader: Lord through Your pruning work in the branches of our life,

#### People: Give us the reason for new growth in our souls.

Leader: Lord through Your life-giving Creation power,

People: Heal us from the sins that cause us to wither.

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God's grace extends from everlasting to everlasting! When we abide in God, our souls turn towards Him. The old life falls away, for new growth and fruit to burst forth. Through His cultivating work on the cross, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **Greeting Each Other With The Peace of Christ**

A Time of Prayer (concluding with 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 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.

THE WORD	
The Word of God (Old Testament) Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!	Ezekiel 15:1-8
Hymn #642 (v. 1,3,4,5)	"Abide In Me"
The Word of God (New Testament) Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!	John 15:1-8

## Today's Message

#### The Purpose Vinted Life

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." ~ John 15:5

Reverend Brad Morgan

#### \*What We Believe

The Apostles' Creed (Rome, 180 AD) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell: the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almiahty: from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. \*the true church of Jesus everywhere

Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings Vocal Ensemble: "Then Sings My Soul" Offertory \*Doxology # 815 \*Prayer of Dedication

#### **SENDING**

#### \*Closing Announcements and Blessing

\***Hymn #635** "In The Garden"

\*Music as We Depart to Serve "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Traditional)

\*You are welcome to stand.

+ Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary for prayer as worship concludes.

+ Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and Conversation: After 8:30AM service from 9:30-10:30AM. After 11:15AM service from 12:00-12:45PM.

### CONNECT FORM

Welcome! Use this form to connect with us. Register a prayer request, indicate your interest in some area of our church life, and/or tell us about yourself. Please place the form in the collection plate.

Mr./Mrs./Ms. Address: Phone: Email: Please Check One: First Time Guest Member \_\_\_ Regular attender \_\_\_\_Returning guest (2-5x) Age group: (circle) 13-18 19-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-up Children's ages (circle) <1 1 2 3 4 5 or Grades (circle): K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 How can we serve you? I would like to know how to become a Christian. I would like to know more about this church. I would like information regarding membership. I would like to know more about:

\_\_\_\_\_ My prayer request(s) are on the back of this form.