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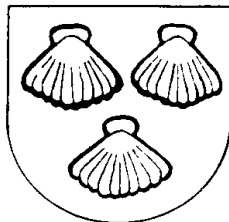
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June 11, 2023
9:30 am
“Fruitfulness”

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WE GATHER

Prelude "Andante tranquillo" Sonata No III Felix Mendelssohn

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Welcome *Nancy Everstine, CLS*

Gathering Song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *UMH 334*

Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with you love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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Call to Worship *Nancy Janson*

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow as God tends us lovingly. Amen.

Passing the Peace: The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise" *UMH 116*

1. The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above
Ancient of everlasting Days
And God of love
Jehovah Great I AM
By earth and heaven confessed
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest

2. The great I AM has sworn
I on this oath depend
I shall on eagle wings upborne
To heaven ascend
I shall behold God's face
I shall God's power adore
And sing the wonders of God's grace
Forevermore

3. The heavenly land I see
With peace and plenty blest
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest
There milk and honey flow
And oil and wine abound
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned

4. The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing
And “Holy, holy, holy” cry
Almighty King
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be
Jehovah Lord the great I AM
We worship thee

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Children’s Message

Donna Benson

Scripture

John 15 1-10 (NRSV)

Nancy Janson

“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^a to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed^b 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^c my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

Hymn

“The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He”

W & S 3155

1. The Lord of Life a vine is He
And grafted to Him we must be
And thus we yield abundantly
Sweet fruit for all to taste and see

2. If we be joined to him we know
His strength and power will help us grow
His Spirit’s grace through us will flow
To prune and shape us as we go

3. The vine is He the branches we
For now and to eternity
His word sown deep in us will be
Both sun and rain sufficiency

4. The Lord of Life the Source Divine
Calls us to come with him entwine
Will we unhearing dare decline
The call of Christ the One True Vine

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Message

“Fruitfulness”

Nancy Everstine, CLS

Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

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*Please stand as able

Response: God we pray for your earthly family, **that they may know the fullness of your love.**

Praying With Jesus

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God of harvest,
gardener supreme,
you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and,
having provided for us,
look to a different harvest—
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you
and others.
God of harvest,
feed us
prune us
harvest us
that our lives
might bring glory to you.

Recognition of Graduates

Jane Ohlmacher

Mission Moment

Debra Bostron

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

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Offering Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH 374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Refrain
Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing
I’m standing on the promises of God

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword
Standing on the promises of God

Refrain

Refrain

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God
Refrain

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Benediction

Postlude

“This is my Father's World” Lee Dengler

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Questions for Reflection

Which fruit of the Spirit do you see the most in your life? Which fruit do you wish were more evident?

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