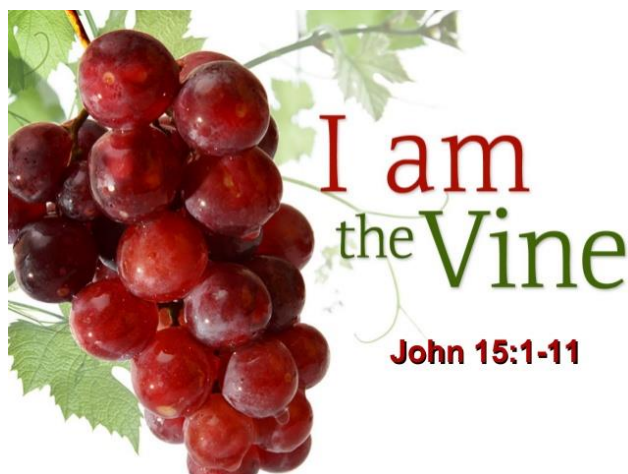


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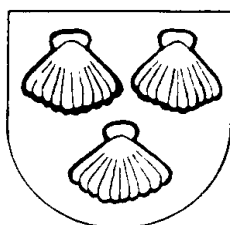
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“I Am the Vine”

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Gathering

Prelude "Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton- UMH 400) arr. by Charles Callahan
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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Threshold Song

"The Old Rugged Cross" (vs. 1 & 4 & refrain)

UMH 504

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share

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Call to Worship

Ugonna Ezekwesili

Clap your hands. Sing for joy!

God's glory is all around.

Rejoice and praise. Worship and pray.

God's glory is in each of us.

Opening Prayer

Ugonna Ezekwesili

God of grace and glory, shine through our worship, that we may know your presence.

Shine through our lives, that we may bring your presence to others.

Shine through our world, that all may come to know you, love you, and glorify your name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Abide With Me"

UMH 700

1. Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not abide with me

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine Lord abide with me

4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me

5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

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Passing of the Peace

Ugonna Ezekwesili

Proclaiming

Children's Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Psalm 47
John 15: 1-5 (NRSVue)
John 17: 20-26 (NRSVue)

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Word in Music

"The Lord of Life, the 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 is 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

"I Am the Vine"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Patricia Abell

*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

UMH 94

Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Song

“Come Share the Lord”

TFWS 2269

1. We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

2. No one is a stranger here
Everyone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs

3. He joins us here he breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The one we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

4. We are now a family
Of which the Lord is head
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread

5. We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

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Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

“Stand By Me”

UMH 512

1. When the storms of life are raging stand by me
When the storms of life are raging stand by me
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship upon the sea
Thou who rulest wind and water stand by me

2. In the midst of tribulation stand by me
In the midst of tribulation stand by me
When the host of hell assail
And my strength begins to fail
Thou who never lost a battle stand by me

3. In the midst of faults and failures stand by me
In the midst of faults and failures stand by me
When I've done the best I can
And my friends misunderstand
Lord who knowest all about me, stand by me.

4. In the midst of persecution stand by me
In the midst of persecution stand by me
When my foes in war array
Undertake to stop my way
Thou who saved Paul and Silas stand by me

5. When I'm growing old and feeble stand by me
When I'm growing old and feeble stand by me
When my life becomes a burden
And I'm nearing chilly Jordan
O thou Lily of the Valley stand by me

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol) arr. by Lee Dengler
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Question for Reflection

How is your faith strengthened by knowing that we do not look for Jesus in only one place but find the Risen One everywhere, because he has ascended to the throne of God?
What chains bind you or the people of your community at this time in your life?
Where each day do you notice the freedom of Christ working to break the chains apart?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good and gracious God, we rise with the morning light to give you thanks for rest and dreams, for warmth and safety, for the delight we have again today in a life filled with your goodness. Keep us in your care this day that we may walk in your path, glad for our friends, praying for our enemies, and eager to hear your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, for all that we have done and failed to do this day we turn to you for respite. Forgive us for having shunned your desires; rejoice with us over moments that have filled us with joy. Bless your people in every land with peace. Protect us now through the night that we may wake again to praise your name. Let the Holy Spirit abide in this house. Amen.

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