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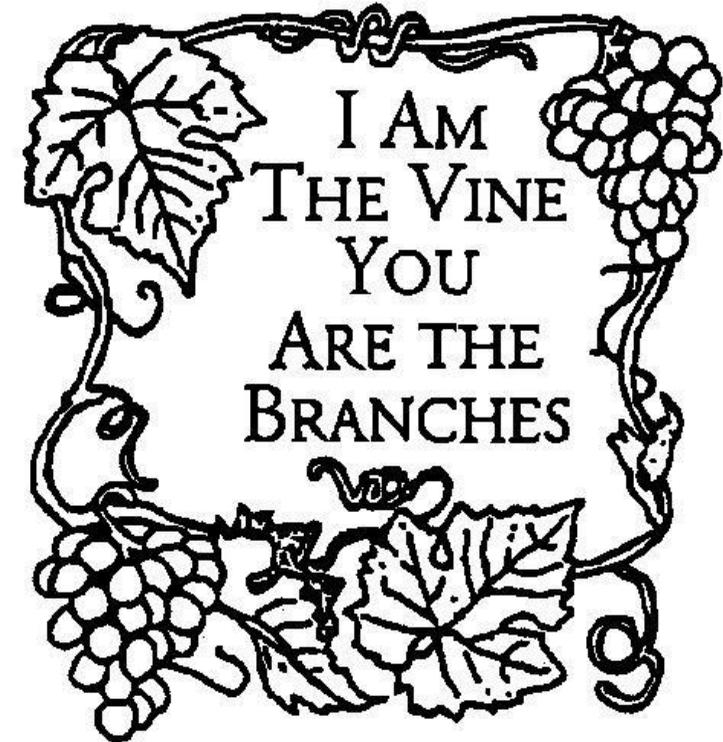
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Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.

*Thank you for joining us for worship today!
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in
this place will know and experience the love,
forgiveness, hope, and new life available
through Jesus Christ.*

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

(For the sake of those who may be vulnerable to the Covid virus, we won't be singing out loud; but we hope you'll enjoy reading singing in your heart as Dottie plays this morning's music.)

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Menzies

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 22:25-31

One: My tongue sings praise to you, O God,
here in the great congregation!

**All: My vows I will pay before those who fear you;
the poor shall eat and be satisfied;
and all who seek you shall praise you, God.
May our hearts live forever!**

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to you, O God;
the families of all the nations shall worship before you.

**All: For dominion belongs to you, O God;
you rule all the nations. To you, indeed,
shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before you shall bow all those who go down to the dust;**

One: and I shall live for you; posterity will serve you;
future generations will be told about you, O God.

**All: And every tongue in heaven and earth
will proclaim your deliverance to those yet unborn;
and every tongue in heaven and earth will shout,
"Look! Our God has done it!"**

Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

We Recall Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer
The Savior's Prayer

We Recall the Good Things We Have Offered to God

Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Sermon: "Abide"

Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy"

Benediction

Response: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*Lectionary Readings for Next Week: Acts 10:44-48;
Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.*

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Holy God, we praise thy name;
God of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends with God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Holy Author, Holy Word,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee;
still, one holy voice is heard:
undivided God, we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we sing our praise to thee.