

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Epilogue (Years of Pilgrimage) - Liszt

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. You may place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

USE OF HYMNALS –Members and guests may use the hymnals in the pews to follow along in worship. The hymn numbers are printed in the bulletin. (Hymns that do not appear in the hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin.) **Regular church members** are asked to take the hymnal home and bring it back and forth to church with you. **Guests** who use hymnals are asked to please place them on carts at doors before you leave so they may be cleaned for future use. (A few copies of all hymns are available at the doors for those who prefer not to touch hymnals.) We continue to ask that all refrain from singing out loud but hope that being able to again read the printed music is a step in the right direction to full participation in worship. Praise be to God!

MAY MISSION MOMENT: Dog Food & Toys for U.S. Kennels

INTROIT: “Baptized in Water” (See Insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

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

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ’s words will abide in us.

All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

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

All: May we grow wildly as God tends to us lovingly.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray: **All: Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: “Here in This Place” (See Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor. Let us pray: **All: God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

YOUTH MESSAGE: “Grape Rocks!”

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SONG OF PRAISE: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” (PH #454 vs. 1)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray, asking for guidance in understanding God’s word: **All: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the hearing of your Word read and proclaimed. May our lives be filled with the joy your Word contains. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Psalms: 22 (Responsorial, selected verses)

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

All: my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

All: those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

All: all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Leader: Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying: **All: GOD HAS DONE IT!**

Gospel: John 15:1-11

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “ABIDING IN AG(R)APE”

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*HYMN: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (See Insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Christ Is Alive!” (PH #108)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: Beethoven Sonata 15 (Pastoral): Movement 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Kortright Chapel Kid's Church School
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Thursday, May 6	
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Friday, May 21	S'More Time with Jesus – Blessing of Pets
Saturday, May 22	May Dinner Drive-up or Delivery 4-5:30pm

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faithfully now God's praise we sing.

OPENING HYMN: HERE IN THIS PLACE

1.
Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2.
We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3.
Here we will take the wine and the water,
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Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
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Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone

2ND HYMN: ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY

1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come
from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the
feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love
have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that
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3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come
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Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
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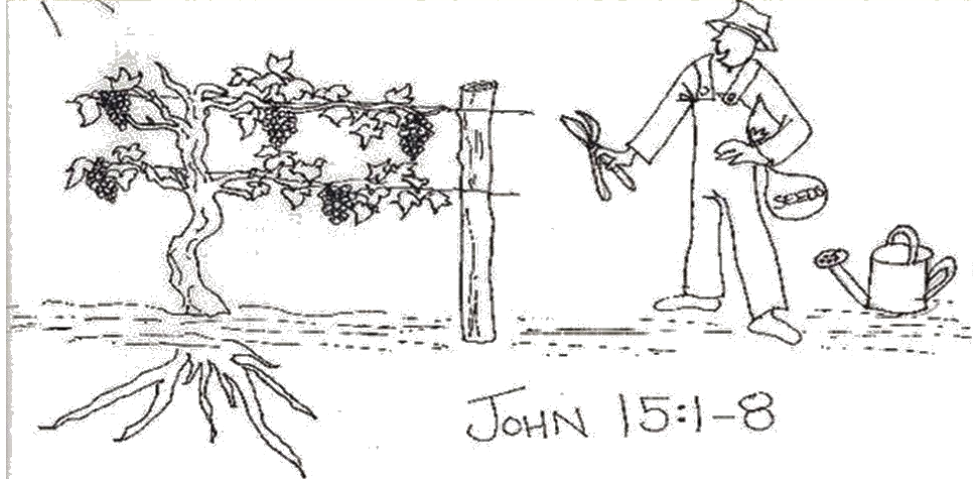
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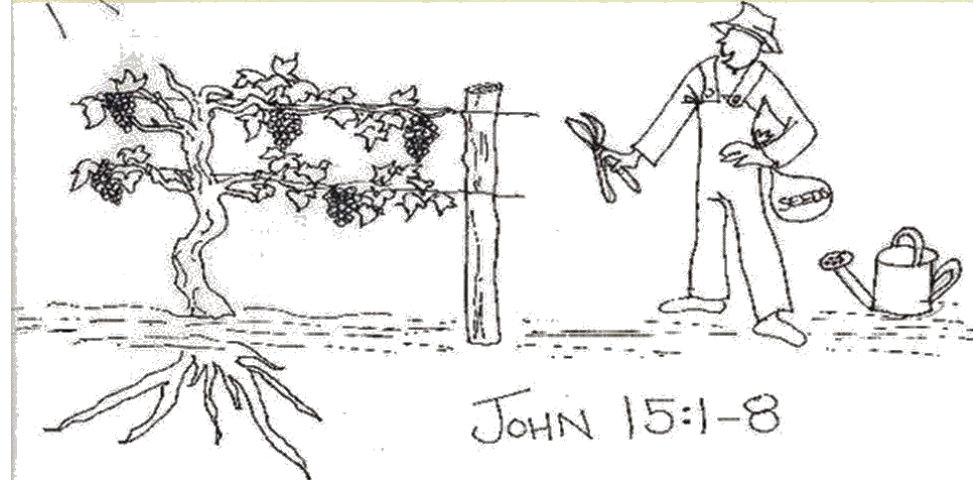
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Well-Planted, Bearing Fruit



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