



*“Rooted In The Past
Growing ForTheFuture”*



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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP / CONGREGATIONAL
PRAYER

Liturgist

(Based on John 15:1-8)

Liturgist: God is the True Vine,

Congregation: And we are the branches.

Liturgist: Connected to God.

Congregation: Connected to bear fruit!

Liturgist: Connected to God.

Congregation: Or we wither away.

Liturgist: Connected to God.

Congregation: Or useless!

Liturgist: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

Congregation: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!

*HYMN OF PRAISE
UMH #732

Come, We That Love the Lord (v. 1-4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Easter

Affirmation

Liturgist

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Your word is the only voice we hear, that still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship is the warmth we crave to help us on our way. May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter, and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 98 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. ² The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ Let the rivers clap *their* hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, ⁹ For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**Please*

stand as you are able

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to remember that Jesus taught us to love one another just as You loved Him and as He loved us. In Jesus' name, Amen

GOSPEL

READING

John

15:9-17

(NKJV)

Liturgist

As the Father loved Me, I also 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. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved

you. ¹³ "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ "These things I command you, that you love one another.

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION
UMH#395

Take Time to Be Holy (v.1-4)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM

Choir

My Jesus, I Love Thee

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Living the Resurrection

Theme: No Greater Love

Purpose: The emphasis of No Greater Love is on the person of Christ and the life he lived and gift he gave.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Based on John 15:9-17)

God of unimaginable love, we have known of your caring since we were babies in our mother's arms. We have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another" – not just those who think as we do, pray as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See screen

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Pass It On* (v. 1-3)
UMH #349

*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION (Based on John 15:9-17)
Pastor

Go now, and bear fruit for God, fruit that will last. As Christ has loved you, so love one another, and abide always in God is love, that your joy may be complete. And may God give you all you ask for in Christ's name; May Christ Jesus reveal to you God's ways and call you his friends; And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy complete. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of our 54th anniversary*

by

Frances and Franklin Chaires