

Worship Leader
May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us out, O God, take us to the water.

One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding

One: In the bread and wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

All: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

One: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

All: We come to praise the vine that gives us goodness.

Morning Prayer

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vs 1,4

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson From Acts

Acts 8:26-39

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Being Pruned and Bearing Fruit

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Cross-Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope