



April 28,  
2024

Fifth Sunday  
of Easter



## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“At the River”

arr. Baker

Welcome

Call to Worship

Christ says: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. What do you say?

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Shelter us!**

Christ says: You have been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Prune us!**

Christ says: Abide in me as I abide in you.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Sustain us!**

Christ says: Apart from me you can do nothing.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Save us!**

Christ says: Ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Songs of Praise

“I Love You Lord”	Klein
“I Lift My Eyes Up”	#652
“Ten Thousand Reasons”	#559

## Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world.

Remind us to be who you would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to you and build our relationship with you and with those you have given us on earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	1 John 4:7-21	Bruce Emery
Time for Young Disciples		Vee Canning
Scripture Reading	John 15:1-8	
Sermon	“Fruit for the World”	Pastor Matt

# Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response                      “I Am the Holy Vine”                      #851

## Offering

### Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

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.

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn                      “O Blessed Spring”                      #794

## Benediction

Postlude                      “The Gift of Love”                      Carter

## Leading in Today's Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Bruce Emery, Michael Rivers

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster,  
Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer

*Media Team (varies):* Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown,  
Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair,  
Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

*Slides:* Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

## Next Sunday's Worship - May 5, 6th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98, \*John 15:9-17; "No Greater Love"

Jesus offers his disciples a lesson about love. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus says. He is speaking to them before his death and resurrection, so much of what he is telling them will not make sense to them until later. With the benefit of hindsight, we can approach this pre-crucifixion text with post-resurrection eyes. What do we gain through the cross-tested love of Christ? How does this change our relationship with God and with our neighbors?

## Announcements

***All Church Retreat (May 17-19)*** - Last day to register is Wed., May 8!

***FISH Company***, Tuesday, April 30, 8 am, Zoom

***Praise Team***, Tuesday, April 30, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

***Women's Bible Study***, Wednesday, May 1, 9 am, Upstairs Classroom

***FYI***, Fellowship Hall is in use the morning of May 1 by PA Realtors

***Mission & Outreach***, Thursday, May 2, 3 pm, Fellowship Hall

***FYI, Monday Musicales Auditions***, Friday, May 3, 1 - 3 pm, various rooms

***Brahms Requiem Concert***, Saturday, May 4, 7:30 pm, Port Angeles High School Auditorium

***FYI, Monday Musicales Auditions***, Sunday, May 5, 2 - 3 pm, various rooms

The nursery is available during the 8:30 am service; it is located in the upstairs classroom, last room on the left. Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship. Please ask an usher to assist you.