

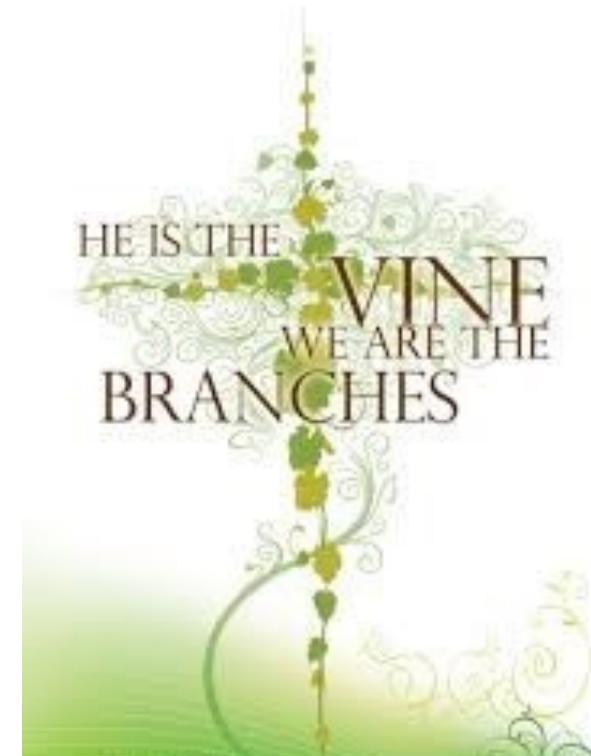
*CLOSING HYMN "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" (1&4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(*) All who are able should please stand when noted.

"Last Week Sheep, This Week Branches"



Fifth Sunday of
Easter

May 02, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Mary Hurley, Pastor
Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministry
Kim Armstrong, Youth Director
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2227 West Michigan Street, Evansville, IN 47712

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SERVICE OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

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

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

People: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

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

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

Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*UNISON INVOCATION

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"* (1, 3, 5)

TIME OF PRAYER (PRAYER OF CONFESSION)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"* Katie Maurer
(Stiff)

SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 1-8 NRSV

SERMON *"Last Week Sheep, This Week Branches"* Pastor Mary

COMMUNION HYMN *"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which has sung your praises may speak the truth; our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world; our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

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