

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Please silence all cell phones

April 29, 2018
**Please stand as able*

PREPARATION

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements (Please sign pew pads)

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *Für Elise* Cameron Hipp

*Call to Worship

Here in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful,

we lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praise.

Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.

Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

we shall be so filled with love that we will run to serve others.

***Hymn 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Call of Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise 581

Gloria Patri

*The Exchange of Peace

Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**
(Greet one another, sharing God's peace.)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

The Congregation sings Jesus Loves Me! vs. 1
(Children and Youth are excused for Church School.)

Sharing of Talent *Indian Feather Dance* by Margaret Goldstein
Tyler Chattaway

New Testament Reading John 15: 1-8

Sermon *The True Vine* by Neal Patel Julia Ketner

***Hymn 729** Lord, I want to be a Christian
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***Statement of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p. 35

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Kloepper

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Minute for Mission Kathy Tureski

Offering

Offertory *Flying Free* Ryan Zollweg

***Doxology 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 693** *Though I May Speak* GIFT OF LOVE

***Responsive Benediction:**

Go now, in the love of our God.

We will live for others through our God.

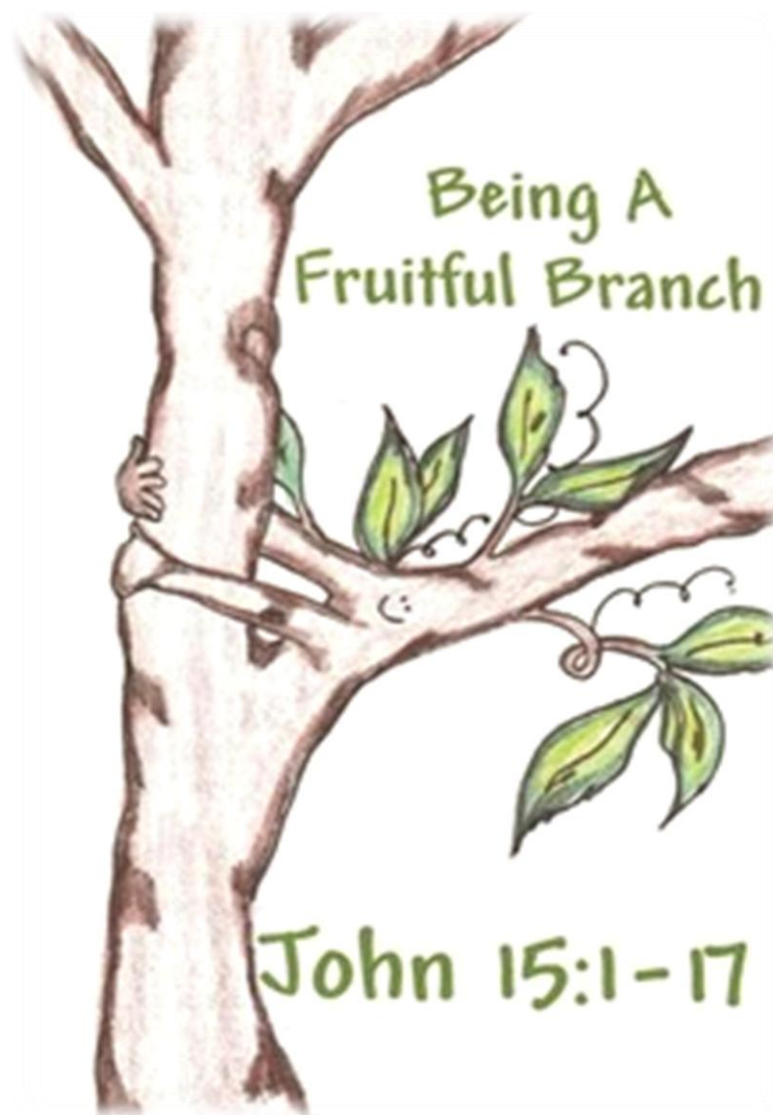
Go now, in the grace of God.

We will forgive others, just as we have been forgiven.

Go now, in the community of the Spirit.

We will serve others in every need, in every place, in every heart.

Postlude *Festive Sonata* by Nancy Faber Collin Chattaway



Youth Sunday
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