

CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dearborn, Michigan

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 10:15 am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Gilbert Martin

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

(Please see Hymn No. 1 at the end of this bulletin.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Compassion: called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers; though your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE**

Easter Hymn

Hymns of praise then let us sing, **Al-le-lu-ia!**
Unto Christ our heavenly King, **Al-le-lu-ia!**
Who endured the cross and grave, **Al-le-lu-ia!**
Sinners to redeem and save, **Al-le-lu-ia!**

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE PARISH

GIFT OF MUSIC

Bread of the World

Davis Phelps

Beth Bowman, soprano; Tracey Turbett, alto; Randall Nicholls, tenor; Charles Miller, baritone
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed; by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and by Thy feast, thy feast to us a token that by Thy grace our souls are fed. [Text by Reginald Heber, English Bishop, 1783-1826]

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

SERMON

Staying Connected

Text: Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. – John 15:4

***HYMN**

Thou True Vine, That Heals the Nations

Pleading Savior

(See Hymn No. 2 at the end of this bulletin)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Eucharistic Prayer

May the God of peace be with you.

And also with you.

Bring your hearts to the One who loves you.

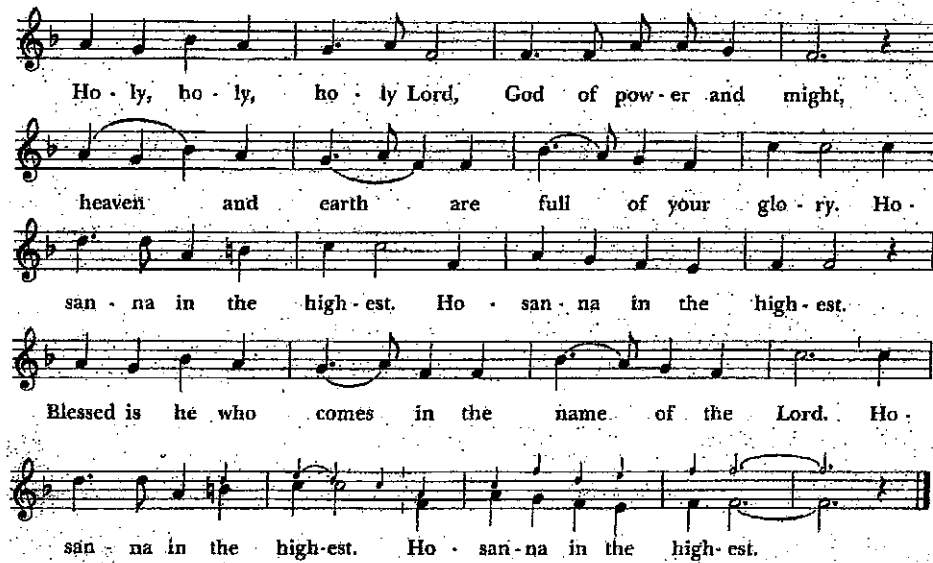
We offer them so God may plant fruit-bearing seeds in them.

Lift songs of praise to our God.

We will join our hearts and voices in proclaiming, "God has done it!"

"Get up," you cried ... With all the faithful, who have served you faithfully through all the ages, with those seeking to understand your hopes, we lift our songs of thanksgiving to you, our Lord and God:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(the prayer continues)

Love is your language of holiness ... As we seek to abide in Jesus, as we long to bear fruit in the kingdom, we speak of the mystery known as faith:

**Christ died, that we might live through Him;
Christ was raised, that He might live through you;
Christ will come, that all might live through eternity with you.**

(the prayer continues)

we will join in singing with one voice and heart, "Blessing and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen."

**The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer After Communion**

***HYMN** God Bless Your Church with Strength *Diademata*
(See Hymn #3 at the end of this bulletin)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Postlude in D Henry Smart

*Those who are able, are invited to stand.

WELCOME (BACK) TO CHERRY HILL CHURCH: As God calls us to care for one another and our community, we ask that you wear your face coverings over your nose and mouth at all times, and maintain six feet of distance from others. Do not use the hymnals or Bibles in the pews. At the conclusion of worship, please leave the sanctuary in a timely manner. You may greet one another and the pastor outside the Weir Foyer doors. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding.

OFFERINGS may be placed in the offering plates at each of the sanctuary doors as you depart this morning. Alternatively, contributions may be mailed to the church office. Many members and friends are using our on-line giving option! It's secure and easy! Please visit www.cherryhillchurch.org for more details.

THE ANNA B. HOADLEY SCHOLARSHIP: All members who have not previously received The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship are eligible to apply for a 2021 Hoadley Scholarship. Members planning to attend or are currently attending a college, university, technical/trade school or seminary may apply. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for applications has been extended this year to Wednesday, May 12. No applications will be accepted after that date. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Garber.

HELPING HAND: Current needs are toilet paper, soap, shampoo, and toothpaste. Donations may be brought to the church on Mondays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and placed in the large wooden box outside of the Weir Foyer doors. Helping Hand is open on Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH OUR NEIGHBORS! Bryant Middle School is planning on creating a “Community Garden” on the school grounds this summer. The garden will be maintained by students, faculty and staff. The harvest will be shared with those in our community who are in need. We have been contacted to see if we might be interested in partnering with the school to help with this project! Responsibilities would include helping with planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting. Mr. Syed Murtaza is coordinating the project and will be at Cherry Hill on **Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 pm** to meet (outdoors) with those who are interested! Syed will share more details and will be happy to answer any questions. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Mark Phillips. Even if you can't attend the informational meeting, that's OK. We'll share all of the information with you!

PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Shirley DeKarsky Bruce Funston Linda Krolik Annelies Nisbet
Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Shirley Thomas

Health Concerns & Support

Don Murphy Bobbie Redmer Shirley Painter Kelly Pemberton
Sydney Saynor, 14 Year old friend of Jonelle Robinson
Abraham Daye's brother
Christal Hackworth, Helping Hand Client
Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church -The Presbytery of Detroit

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Pam Thorpe 05/02 Kris Williams 05/06 Agnes Atungsiri 05/08 Takwi Muma 05/08

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The doors of this church are as wide as God's love.

- The Rev. Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Cherry Hill's Founding Pastor

#1

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song

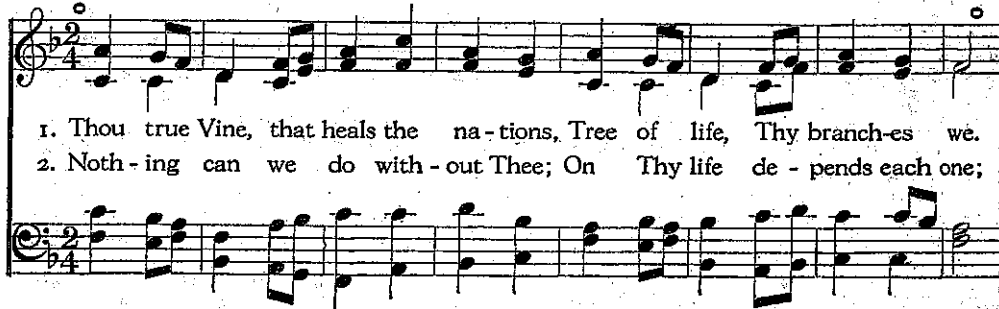
To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

#2 Thou True Vine, That Heals the Nations

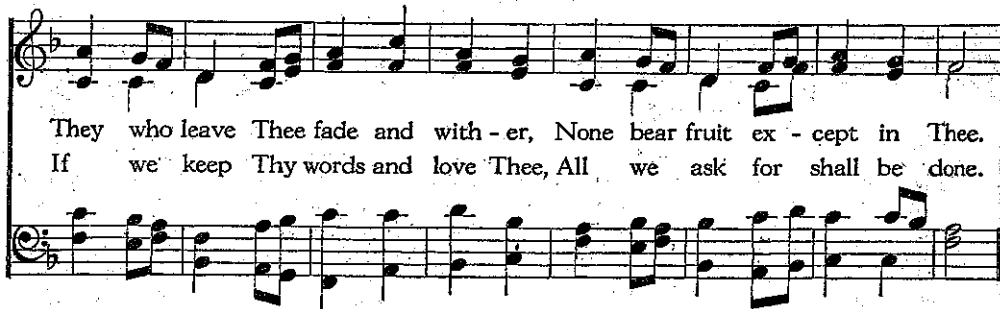
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Plymouth Collection, 1855



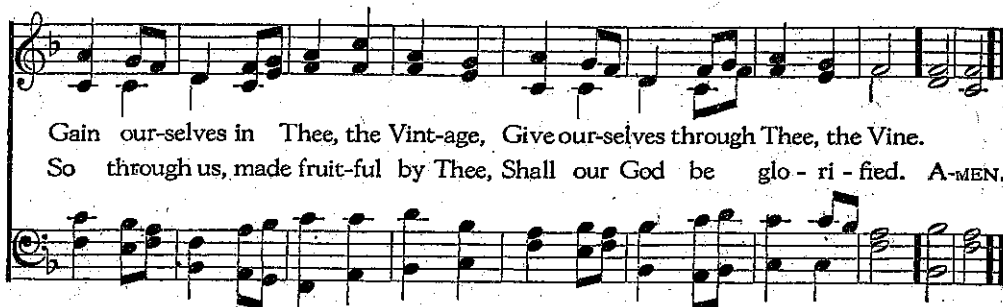
1. Thou true Vine, that heals the na-tions, Tree of life, Thy branch-es we.
2. Noth-ing can we do with-out Thee; On Thy life de-pends each one;



They who leave Thee fade and with-er, None bear fruit ex-cept in Thee.
If we keep Thy words and love Thee, All we ask for shall be done.



Cleanse us, make us sane and sim-ple, Till we merge our lives in Thine,
May we, lov-ing one an-oth-er, Ra-diant in Thy light a-bide;



Gain our-selves in Thee, the Vint-age, Give our-selves through Thee, the Vine.
So through us, made fruit-ful by Thee, Shall our God be glo-ri-fied. A-MEN.

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#3 GOD BLESS YOUR CHURCH WITH STRENGTH

Text: John A. Dalles, 1984

Tune: *Diademata, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

1. God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Up build your servants as we work in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.
2. God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission Lord, Your love and peace to show.
3. God, bless your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there.