



Edgebrook Community Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP

May 2, 2021

PRELUDE *For May: Menuetto Pastorello* Leopold Mozart (1719–1787)

CHORAL INTROIT *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Melchior Vulpius, (c.1560–1616)

WELCOME AND CALL TO PRAYER

OPENING SENTENCES

One: As we gather, may we open our hearts to receive newness of life.

People: We come with hope for renewal.

One: In our time of worship, may we be inspired by God's wisdom.

People: We come seeking to learn and to draw closer to God.

One: Come, let us worship, as the beloved children of God.

People: With thanks and praise and joyful hearts, let us gather and sing.

HYMN *The Strife is O'er* trans. Francis Pott (alt.)/VICTORY

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CENTERING PSALM (Psalm 104) Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord *Setting: Steven C. Warner*

Ivy Hamill and Derrick Hamill, psalmists

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John, Chapter 4.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

ANTHEM *Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!* Kevin Kelly (b. 1954)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

A Reading from the Gospel According to John, Chapter 15.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

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. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Ninefold Alleluia Byzantine Orthox (arr. Jeffrey Honoré)

MESSAGE "Intertwined, Root to Fruit" Pastor Kate Alexander

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE • PASTORAL PRAYER • THE LORD'S PRAYER Alan Hommerding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Jeanann Power, liturgist

Michael Potsic, tech manager

Music Notes

I didn't want to let the Easter season go by without playing at least one piece of Easter "ear candy," so today's confection is a pastoral minuet by Leopold Mozart. It is the "May" entry in a collection of twelve pieces originally written for musical clock.

In "Christi Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!" text author Brian Wren replaces the better-known Easter acclamation, "Alleluia!" with Palm Sunday's "Hosanna" to help us recall that Easter and Resurrection are the destiny of the events in Jesus' life begun on Palm Sunday. Kevin Kelly's joyous, dancing setting matches the buoyancy of the text. *AJH*

Announcements

NIGHT MINISTRY: Thank you to all who donated food and helped with providing fifty sack suppers for the Night Ministry last week.

BOOK CLUB: Our next book is The Gift of Years; Growing Older Gracefully by Joan Chittister. It's available on her website, www.joanchittister.org, Amazon (hardcopy, audio and kindle versions) and also at Chicago Public Library. We'll start discussing May 16 after worship with the introduction and the chapters Regret, Meaning and Fear; about 25 pages.

YARD/GARDEN: We've started prepping the yard and garden for the season. If you have any of the following items that you'd be willing to donate

Easter Lily • wheelbarrow • garden hoe

let Ann James know (aejames08@gmail.com) and she'll arrange pick-up.

ZOOM LINK FOR WORSHIP

The recurring link below can be copied into your calendar for future reference.

<https://zoom.us/j/93471903903>

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Sunday Bulletin and Monday e-News are due to admin@edgebrookucc.org by Wednesday at Noon.



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