

Morning Worship and Holy Communion

May 2, 2021, 10:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter

Beginning Music "Come Thirsty"

Prelude "I Know the Redeemer Liveth"

Words to ponder: "Christ is the vine. We are the branches. Abide in the vine, and you will abide in love."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21

Scriptures for 6th Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

People: **We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the fruit of salvation.**

Leader: Come to love one another, for love is of God.

People: **We have come to the household of love, for God is love.**

Leader: Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

People: **We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.**

Leader: Come! All are welcome here.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Divine Vinegrower, the soil of your love nurtures the roots of our lives each and every day. As we consecrate ourselves into your loving care, plant us in the soil of your love, that we may abide in Christ, our true vine, and bear the fruit of your love and grace. Give us rain in seasons of doubt and nourish our growth, that our harvest of love may bless the world. In your bountiful name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Come Share the Lord"

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV) Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8 (NSRV) Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Open My Ears, Lord"

Sermon "*Who Done It*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Source of love and life, your glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid. We long to love our sisters and brothers, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in you as you abide in us, but we can't seem to figure out how. Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Show how to abide in your vine, for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies your name. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Thayer Doyle

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Bountiful God, you fill the poor with good things and cause the hungry to be satisfied. May these gifts be instruments of your grace and may our very lives be the means of spreading your blessings. Make these gifts be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Benediction

Benediction Respons "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"
Eunice Alberts, Patty Dayton, Ron Giannattasio (Pianist)

Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello, Eunice Alberts, Thayer Doyle, Patti Early,
Bill Florin, RoseAnne Homola, Amy Rajpolt, Sheryl Rajpolt

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Leader: Tanya Lennon; Children's Time: Rose Aiello

Soloist(s): Eunice Alberts, Patty Dayton

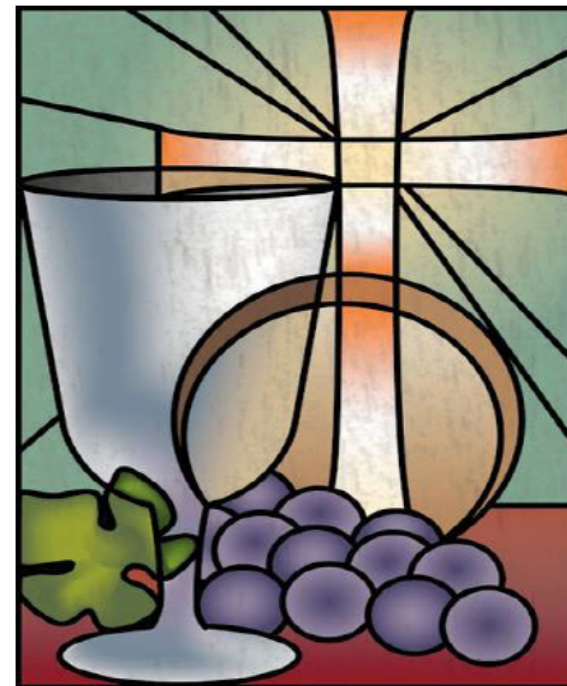
Organist: RoseAnne Homola; Pianist: Ron Giannattasio

Joys and Concerns Leader: Thayer Doyle

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leader: Maggie Flemma

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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