



May 2, 2021

**LIVING the Resurrection**  
**“Abide in Me”**

John 15:1-8

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***All Are Welcome!***

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*“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.”*

1 John 4:11-16

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Stand as you are able.

WELCOME and PASSING THE PEACE

Cheryl Faust

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is the True Vine,

**People: And we are the branches.**

Leader: Connected to God.

**People: Connected to bear fruit!**

Leader: Connected to God.

**People: Or we wither away.**

Leader: Connected to God.

**People: Or useless!**

Leader: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**People: God, teach us how to remain connected  
so that we might bear good fruit!**

+OPENING PRAYER:

**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.**

PRAISE

*Enough*

Tim Eaton

*Draw Me Close*

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8 NRSV

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***Lost and Found***

Tim Eaton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Abiding God, who is closer than our own heartbeat: we long to dwell in your closeness, abiding in you and you abiding in us. However, the call to abide in other places is strong: to abide in the world of popularity and acceptance or in the world of increasing wealth and power centered around our own wants and desires. As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, help us turn away from other calls and abide in that place of heart's deepest desire: in your Son, Jesus, and he in us. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8 The Message

<sup>1-3</sup> "I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

<sup>4</sup> "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

<sup>5-8</sup> "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

***"Abide in Me"***

Cheryl Faust

CLOSING SONG

***Build My Life***

Tim Eaton

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Shauna

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tim Eaton

**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

SPEAKER  
MUSIC

Cheryl Faust  
Tim Eaton  
Laura & Jim Arndt

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

LITURGIST

Paul Voorhees

DOOR GREETER

Dave Davis

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

USHER 1

Wayne Barrows

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

USHER 2

Cyndy Weiner

Terry Moore

TEMP TAKER

Rosemary Moore

ATTENDANCE

Wayne Barrows

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dot Johnson.*