

Organ Prelude

*Call to Worship

Christ says: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
What do you say?

Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Shelter us!

Christ says: You have been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Prune us!

Christ says: Abide in me as I abide in you.

Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Sustain us!

Christ says: Apart from me you can do nothing.

Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Save us!

Christ says: Ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn** *What a Fellowship* *see insert*

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world
without end. Amen.*

*The Apostle's Creed

*Welcome and Announcements

Children's Sermon

Scripture Readings

1 John 4:7-8,12 CEV

⁷ My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. ⁸ God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts.

John 15:1-8 NRSV

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

Sermon

Hymn *Take My Life and Let it Be* *see insert*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast all my burdens on you.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

*Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Pastoral Prayer of Dedication

We give these gifts with our whole selves, O God, in gratitude for all you have given us. Amen.

***Hymn** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* *see insert*

*Benediction

*Postlude



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