



May 2, 2021

*10:00 am Sunday Virtual Service*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CENTERING PRAYER

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you command and to prune what does not nourish your creation. We pray this in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### PRELUDE

*Pipings!*

Sotuhbridge

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O god, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Come and praise the True Vine that gives all goodness.

### † HYMN

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**Hymnal #630**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we confess we do not bear the good fruit of the Spirit. We do not love others as you love us. We deny the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us. Help us to abide in your love and live out your mercy. (Silent Confession)**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

SERMON

“Dying on the Vine”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism Question One

Q. What is our chief end?

**A. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bringing In The Sheaves  
*Lisa Marsh, vocalist*

Althouse

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

† **HYMN**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

**Hymnal #526**

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Be Joyful”

Kaiser

POSTLUDE

*Welcome, Happy Morning!*

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†*You are invited to stand, as you are able.*

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess

Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco

Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan

Dir. of Children’s Ministry: Latisha Gilliland

Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve

Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*see below for more details*

- May 1** -Mound Ridge Work Day, 10 am – 5 pm
- May 3** -Children’s Garden Planting Begins
- May 16** -**IN-PERSON WORSIP SERVICE, 10AM**
- May 16** -Drive Through or Drop off Collection for Circle of Concern & Isaiah 58
- May 23** -Bible Sunday for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and High School & College Grads