

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGDALE

SUNDAY WORSHIP



May 5, 2024 – 10:30AM
6th Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday
Sean Park, PASTOR
Music Director – Renee McGowan



PRELUDE & RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO

*PRAISE SONGS: "Forever" & "Cornerstone"

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PASSING OF PEACE

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Led by Dave Bahney

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SERMON: "The Parable of the Vine"

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BIRTHDAY BANK (Happy Birthday, May God richly bless you!)

JOYS AND CONCERNS (Prayer Cards Read)

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HYMN (Seated)

"Let Us Be Bread"

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*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

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*PRAISE SONG: "Forever"

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Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King;
his love endures forever.
For he is good,
he is above all things;
his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!

With a mighty hand
and outstretched arm,
his love endures forever.
For the life
that's been reborn;
his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!
Sing praise, sing praise!

Refrain
Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever!

From the rising to
the setting sun,
his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God
we will carry on;
his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!
Sing praise, sing praise!

Refrain
Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever! 2x

*PRAISE SONG: "Cornerstone"

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name
Repeat

Chorus:
Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong;
in the Savior's love
Through the storm,
He is Lord - Lord of all

When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus:

He is Lord- Lord of all

Chorus:

*THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PASSING OF PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison)

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**O God, you are bigger than the world,
bigger than our fears, bigger even than our folly.
We are grateful for the immensity of your love,
even when it sometimes scares us.**

**When the immensity of your love frightens us,
we long to return to you in hope.**

**When we want to make you smaller—
small enough that we can hold you—
help us see beyond our narrow vision.**

Remind us again, O God,

**that you will always find and hold us, for your heart is big enough
to hold the whole world, including us.**

**Teach us once more that we will always grow
when we love others as we love you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Read by Dave Bahney

*The God of mercy speaks every language.
When we open our ears,
we hear and receive God's grace.
Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed,
we have only to remember these truths.
God's love is the greatest power of all.
God's mercy is there for every one of us.
God's grace is present every moment of our lives. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 15:1-11

Read by Dave Bahney

The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD." **ALL: "THANKS BE TO GOD!"**

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Now the Table is Set"

SERMON:

"The Parable of the Vine"

Pastor Sean

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

"Abide With Me"

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Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace
can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS (Prayer Cards Read)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING INVITATION

***Doxology"UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **(In Unison)**

**O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces
you bring to our lives.**

We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit.

Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves,

that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen.

*Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING: (In Unison)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SENDING:

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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