

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B

[Acts 8:26-40](#) or [Exodus 19:1-16](#)
[Psalm 22:25-31](#) or [Psalm 118:19-25](#)
[1 John 4:7-21](#)
[John 15:1-18](#)

Prelude

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

1 John 3:16-20

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us –
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God...for God is greater than our hearts.

***Hymn** (*Glory to God Hymnal* #22)

God of the Sparrow

Call to Confession

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower...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. 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."

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and your love, and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.

(Silent Confession)

**adapted from Call to Worship, vol. 57.1*

Assurance, *Gloria Patri, *Passing of the Peace

John 15: 9-11

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love...so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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, amen.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Scripture

[1 John 4:7-21](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Be-Loved, and Be-Love

***Hymn** (*Glory to God Hymnal* #300)

We Are One in the Spirit

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Call for the Offering

1 John 3:16-18

"We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?...Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action"

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our [online giving option](#)

Offertory

Great Is the Lord

Calvin Choir

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

*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.*

In the Life of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #339)

Be Thou My Vision

***Congregational Response (Taize)**

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit*