

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service – May 2, 2021**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Year B

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

God, you who are the Vinegrower; and Jesus, you who are the True Vine, you make all things new and feed your people with joy, peace, and love. Lead us today and every day that we might receive your love and become vessels of that love. Fill us and all the places we are with your Spirit, that we may worship you well. Amen.

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**Call to Worship\***

adapted from 1 John 4:19; John 15:5

“We love because God first loved us.”

**We gather to praise and worship God, the One who created us for love.**

Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

**We gather to worship the True Vine, the One in whose love we abide.**

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

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**Hymn**

*Blessed Be the Lord*

**Confession\***

1 John 4:20

*“Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.”*

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. For it is in your grace that we find strength, and in your love that we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are loved and freed; when we act as if the Easter story is not the story that judges all others. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, abiding in your love.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you; that knowing we are loved, we may more fully love one another.**

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*(personal confession)*

**Assurance and Peace**

1 John 4:16

*“God is love...There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture**1 John 4:7-21**Sermon***No, Seriously...***Hymn**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #171

**Offering and Doxology**

John 15:2

*“Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.”*

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning and being pruned – letting go of our possession, our time, and even ourselves – to bear the fruit of the Good News into the world.\*

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

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**Prayer of Dedication\***

Through our offerings, O God, may your loving Spirit be made known to the world.  
Make our many gifts one offering of love for the world.

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**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Affirmation of Faith      *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*...Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*...For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together with boldness:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread and Communion of God's People

*Make Your Home In Me*

**Hymn**

*Let Heaven Rejoice*

### Charge and Benediction

Beloved of God, know who you are, and love one another.

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide in you, you in him, and be fulfilled in your life and in our life together, now and forevermore . Amen.

**Postlude**