

UNIONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 Worship

April 28, 2024

Today's Scriptures:

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

Gathering from the World

Welcome

Prelude "Arioso" Barb Mulik

Enter into God's Presence

* Musical Call to Worship "Alleluia, Alleluia" #162
(Refrain Only)

* Call to Worship

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89

* Opening Prayer

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able*

Quiet Our Hearts to Receive and Reflect on God's Word

Bible Reading 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Special Music "Shout to the Lord" The Choir

Children's Time "Conversation with Pastor Dave"

Hymn of Preparation "O How I Love Jesus" #170

Reflection "We Bear Fruit" Rev. Dave Wilson

Responding to God in Our Life Together

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

* Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94
(Alleluias)

* Affirmation of Faith "A Modern Affirmation" #885

* Hymn of Celebration #2223
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

* Sending Forth

Postlude "Diadem" Barb Mulik

Thank you for worshiping with us this day.

Please join us for Sunday School following worship;

and again this evening at 6:30 pm

for the Kids' Club & Youth Group Pizza Party

and Time, Talent & Treasure Class

Have a Blessed Week!