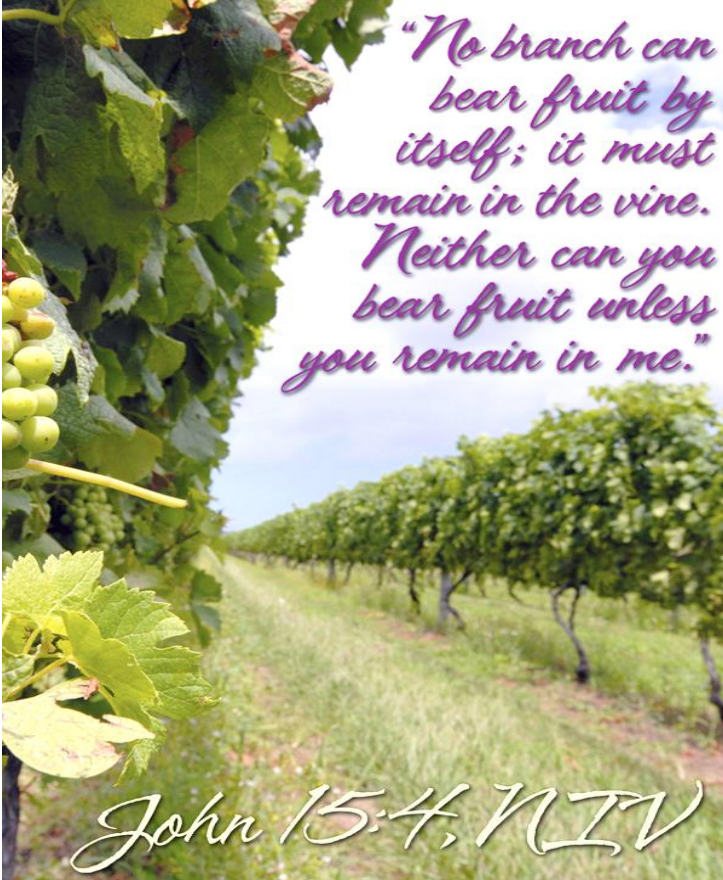


Christ United Church of Christ

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Pastor – Rev. Bonnie J. Whittier

Accompanist – Maria Hildebrand

Lay Reader – Jane Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Unison*

**We have come together as a community of believers
to join our hearts in Worship.**

We gather to join our voices in song.

**We gather to join in prayer for each other, those in need
and ourselves.**

**We gather as a community of Believers to call out to you,
O God, because we are grateful for your love.**

*LET US PRAY

**Good and gracious God, thank you for loving us! Thank
you for the gift of Jesus Christ. May we continue to learn
from Easter 2024 and may we continue to move forward
in serving you, O God. AMEN**

*OPENING HYMN

“In the Garden”

#635

TIME FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS

*Thank you for your continued support of Christ Church
through your gifts of time, talent and tithe.*

PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for blessing us abundantly. Thank
you for the opportunities you provide for us to serve
others. Please bless these gifts and help us to use
them to glorify you. AMEN**

PSALM 22:25-31 (Back page)

HYMN “Spirit Of God, Descent Upon My Heart” #390

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (The Message)

Our Father in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what’s best—as above, so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You’re in charge! You can do anything you want! You’re ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

JOHN 15:1-8 (Back page)

MESSAGE “The Vine...The Families”

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

*HYMN “Some Glad Morning” #779

*HYMN “Yesterday, Today, Forever” #584

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



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Scriptures (NIV)

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD. They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn—for he has done it.

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will 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. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.