

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024, Worship Service 9:30 AM

*For this mark *, please stand if you are able.*

Prelude Velmar Brown

*** Opening Hymn / Procession / Lighting of Candles**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, UMH 160 (1 & 5)

*** Call to Worship** Together

*** Invocation** Rev. Myeong Shin Nam

Gathering Hymns

We Are God's People, TFWS 2220
Fairest Lord Jesus, 189 UMH (1-3)

Announcements / Joys / Passing of Peace

Scripture Reading Ethan Chen

John 15:1-8 // 1 John 4:12-21

Children's Time

Special Music Virginia Thompson

Amazing Grace – Grace Shall Always Be

Sermon Rev. Myeong Shin Nam

A Branch That Bears Grapes

Centering Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour, UMH 397

Concerns & Prayers

Lord's Prayer

***Sharing the Gifts** Doxology, UMH 94

***Sending Forth Hymn**

Take My Life, and Let It Be, UMH 399 (1 & 3)

***Sending Forth Blessing** Rev. Myeong Shin Nam

Postlude Velmar Brown

Today's Scripture

John 15:1-8

1. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
2. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
3. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
7. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

1 John 4:7-21

7. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
8. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
9. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
10. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.
12. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
13. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
14. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.
15. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
16. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
17. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.
18. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.
19. We love because he first loved us.
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.
21. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Worship Contributors

Acolyte: Jericho Zapata (Next Week: Ethan Chen)

Scripture Reader: Ethan Chen (Next Week:)

Usher: Sharon Meehan (Next Week: Sharon Meehan)

Audio/Visual Team: Samuel Chen, Ethan Chen

Music Director: Virginia Thompson

Accompanists: Velmar Brown (piano), Latrosse Harris (drum),
Roger Doering (trumpet), Loren Peters (horn)

Weekly Programs

Sunday

Sun 9:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary / Zoom)

Sun 10:30 AM Fellowship (Wesley Room)

Sun 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School (Library / Zoom)

Weekdays

Wed 7:00 PM Faith & Life Conversation (Zoom)

Thus 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Announcements

- **Youth Confirmation Class:** Sunday, April 28, 10:50 AM. Next class is on May 19.
- **Holy Communion: Sunday, May 5** during the worship service. Communion assistants: Adele Dow, Roger Doering, Josephine Wolfgramm, Joel Zapata. Communion table preparation: Tracy Zapata
- **Mother' Day Celebration: Sunday, May 12** during fellowship time. Youth members will be organizing a special celebration for Mother's Day with homemade cakes, cookies, and drinks, and photo stations. It is to express their gratitude to all mothers who help and support our young members grow in faith.
- **New Programs launching in May:** Please advertise and invite seniors in your neighborhood. Extra fliers are ready on the back of the sanctuary.
 - **Sunday Bible Study:** Every Sunday from May 5 at 11:00 - 11:50 AM (Small Group Room)
 - **Senior Club:** Every Tuesday from May 7 - June 11 at 10:00 - 11:30 AM (Wesley Room)
 - Those who want to donate special teas and homemade cookies, contact Helena Chen.
- **New Book for Faith & Life Conversation:** Soulboom: Why We Need a Spiritual Revolution by Rain Wilson. **Next Meeting Date:** April 24th, 7:00 PM. (Zoom)
- **May Birthdays:** Glenn Verano, Judy Bulman, Joel Zapata, Patrick De Leon, Leonora Verano, Richard Gibbs, Jacob Perkins, Mercedes De Leon, Richie Matagnong, Pamela Ong-Matagnong, Eric Chen, Myrna Ong, Lia Paras.