

Welcome and Announcements: May 2, 2021

“Delivered Out of Empire” by Walter Brueggemann book discussion today (Sunday) at 11 a.m. This week, chapter 3, led by Pastor Kerra.

Zoom info for Faith Formation: Meeting ID: 873 0172 3949 Passcode: 801633

TODAY: Log in to Zoom and bring your elements for the day (bread, wine/juice). Susan Pugh will be baptized and join the church this Sunday.

Zoom info for May 2 Worship: Meeting ID: 871 3960 2264 Passcode: 302024

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude: * *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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Opening Prayer:

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

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GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 15:1-8

15 “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.

Sermon: I Am the Vine; You are the Branches

The Rev. Kerra Becker English

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Baptism of Susan Pugh

Presentation

TO THE CONGREGATION: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Susan by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? (We do.)

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Laying On of Hands

Welcome

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Meditation: *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

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Prayer after Communion

Offering

Response: *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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SENDING US OUT TO BE GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated*

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude: **March in D* – Handel, arr. Parks

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