

Date: April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter
Eastertide Season

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

Remain in me as I remain in you:

The branches move and live and have their being—in the vine. The prayer of the spindly branches is one with the prayer of the anchor vine. Abba hears and listens to the beseeching of the vine.

Lord, you tell us to ask for whatever we want, and it will be done for us.

We want: no wars...no hunger...no violence...no prejudice...no pandemics...no global warming...never suffering children...never suffering immigrants. We want to learn to love. Lord, please hear our prayers.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

*They'll Know We are Christians
by Our Love*

Fr. Pete Scholtes

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

***Hymn** *Abide with Me* GTG 836
Confessing Our Separation from God (unison) Liturgist

Mother of Compassion: called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers; though your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. *Abide* in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-8 Liturgist
Source: New International Version (NIV)

Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd* Steward Townend

Reflection *Abide with Me*

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

Prayers of the People of God: Joys and Hopes

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory

In Christ There Is No East or West
(vs.1,3 and 4)

GTG 317

***Doxology:**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Louis Bourgeois

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all people here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Liturgist

Gracious God, you are the vine grower, and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending to us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

GTG 462

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Vine

David Libby

Next Week's Liturgist: Nancy Brock

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Karen Palermo

Ushers: Dave and Deb Norton

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3 - JUNE 12 @ 10AM - ADULT ED BIBLE STUDY:
"Picturing Scripture" with Alan Keohane is an engaging online Bible Study To join the class, go to: westminster-rehoboth.org and click "view live stream".

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP:

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for "Sunday Salads", sponsored by the Fellowship Team. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate or sponsor one of the lunches.

May 5 - Fellowship Team hosting. Soup Sunday.

May 12 - Mothers' Day ...Fellowship **or a donor:** light fare - danish, fruit and cheeses.

May 19 - Worship Committee Hosting.

May 26 -We start with a lighter fare: Fellowship Team hosting.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 @ 10am – 12pm - NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME

in our Fellowship Hall , light refreshments will be provided. Please join Pastor Eddie and Session Members for an introduction and information discussion for new members. Reception of New Members will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY: SUMMER CALENDAR

Dear Church Family:

The Session discussed and endorsed a recommendation by the Fellowship Team to modify our Sunday menu due to:

1. Parking restrictions that are time sensitive beginning May 15 through Sept. 15 at the height of the tourist season. Many of you may recall that **we have been granted an extension of time by two hours from 10a.m. to 12noon for worship and fellowship.** To prevent being ticketed, during our worship hour, please put a previous church bulletin or other church published notice on your car dashboard. **At 12 noon, the city will ticket you.**

2. Fellowship is an important part of our church ministry. We want to continue this meaningful time and will offer a lighter menu to include some of the following: cookies, cupcakes, pastry, fresh fruit plus a gluten free option. Coffee, tea, and water will be available along with iced tea or lemonade on occasion.

Our Fellowship time together will be shorter over the summer but we will be good faith partners with the City Fathers so our visitors can enjoy Rehoboth as we know it.

Thank you for your support.
The Fellowship Team

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Happy, happy birthdays! **Betty Carnahan** (97), **Bonnie Ekas** (80) and **Linda Crowe** (80). God be praised for the joy these Saints bring to the lives they touch. May they enjoy good health and happiness during this coming year.

Nathan McElroy, Mable Granke's great-grandson underwent successful surgery and is recovering in the hospital.

Surgery and Post-Surgery:

Jerry Brock (brother-in-law of Nancy Brock)

Lou Geibel (friend and neighbor of Linda Crowe)

Mable Granke

Melanie (friend of Charlotte Jacobs)

Nathan McElroy, (great-grandson of Mable Granke)

Hull McLean & Barbara Miller

Marlene Quinn

Betty Jean Schwartz

Illness

Evelyn Smith (Aunt of John Rotach)

Mourning/Grief

Christopher Coyle (friend of Jim Miller)

Beverly (friend of Al and Linda Cybert)