

Welcome to Worship!

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday after Easter

Receive New Members

Blessing of Graduating Seniors

Altar flowers for today have been given by Pastor Brad & Roseanna Doty in celebration of daughter Madison's 7th birthday.

*Abide
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



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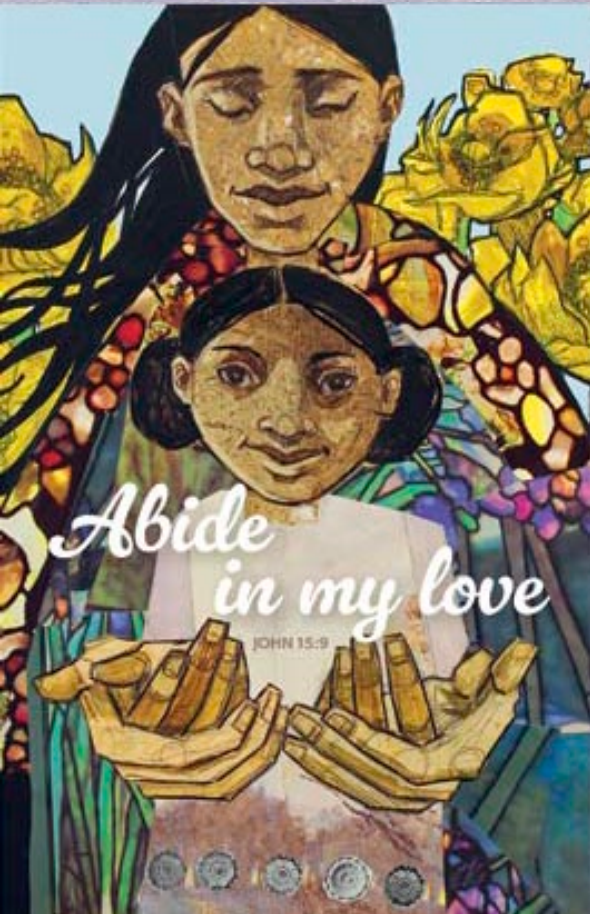
Prelude – Mario Barbosa

WELCOME

TO

Worship!

Opening Hymn



*Come, We That Love
the Lord*

red hymnal, ELW #625

Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Verse 1

***Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Refrain

***We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Verse 2

***Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their joys abroad.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Refrain

***We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Verse 3

***The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Refrain

***We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Verse 4

***Then let our songs abound,
and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through
Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through
Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.***

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Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW #625, Refrain

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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Greeting

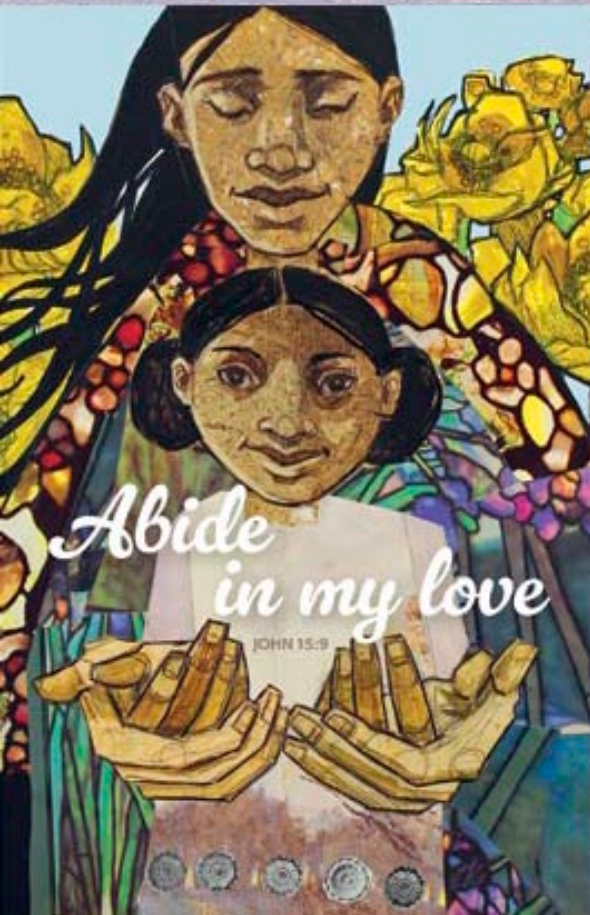
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

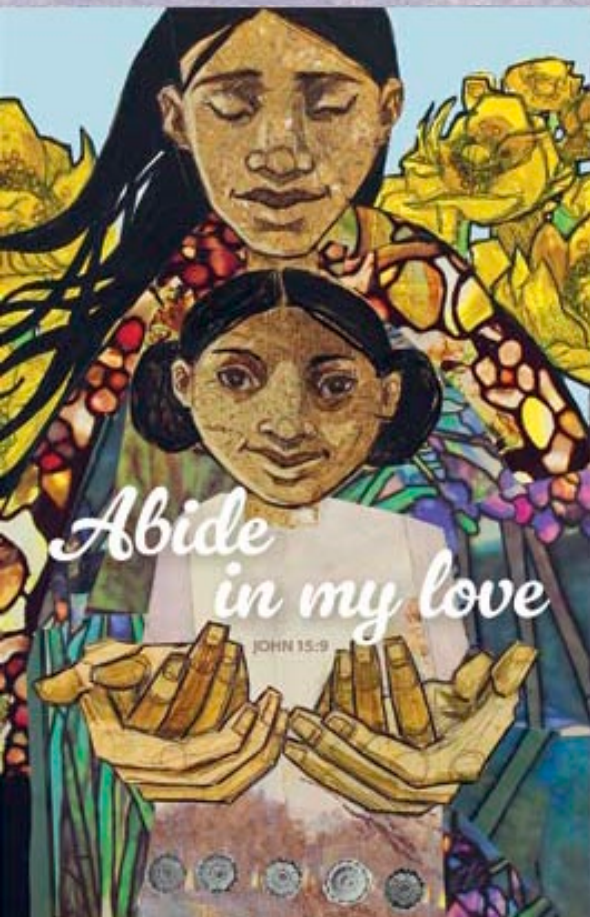


First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

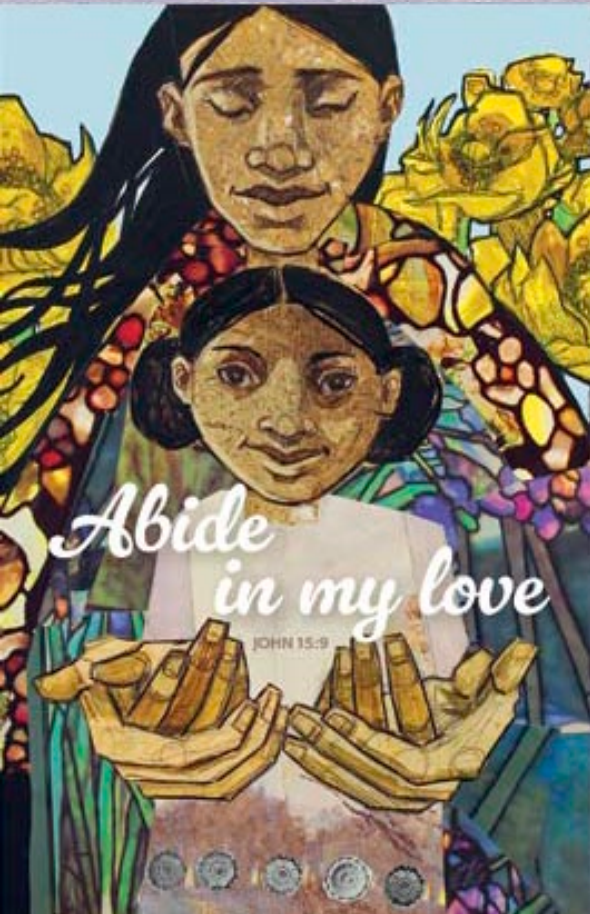
⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

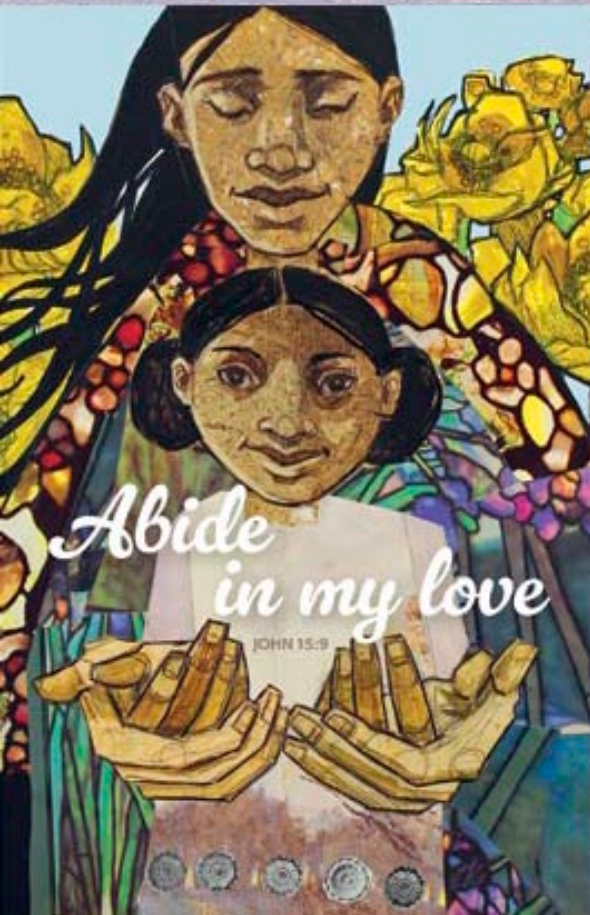


Second Reading

I John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.



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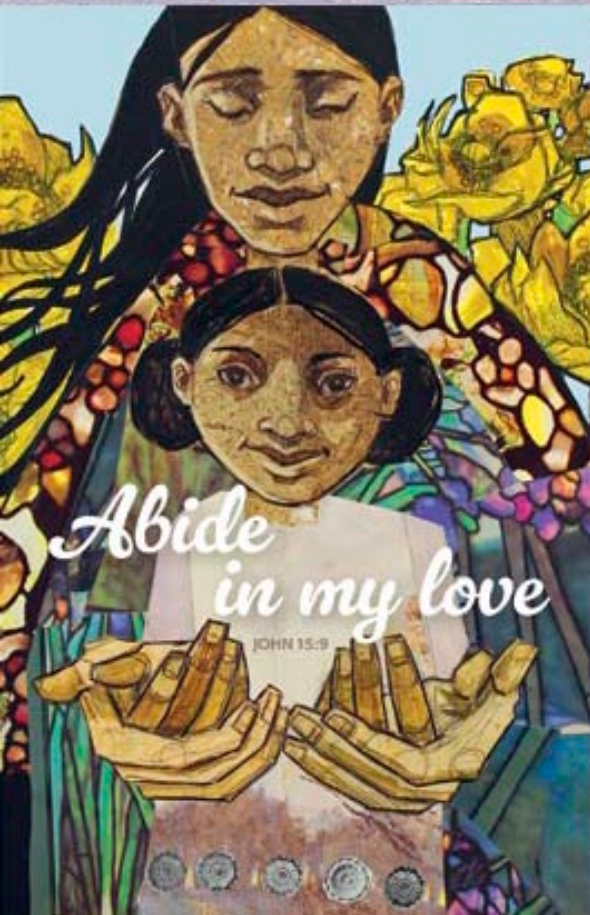
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!



P: The Holy Gospel
according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O
Lord.**

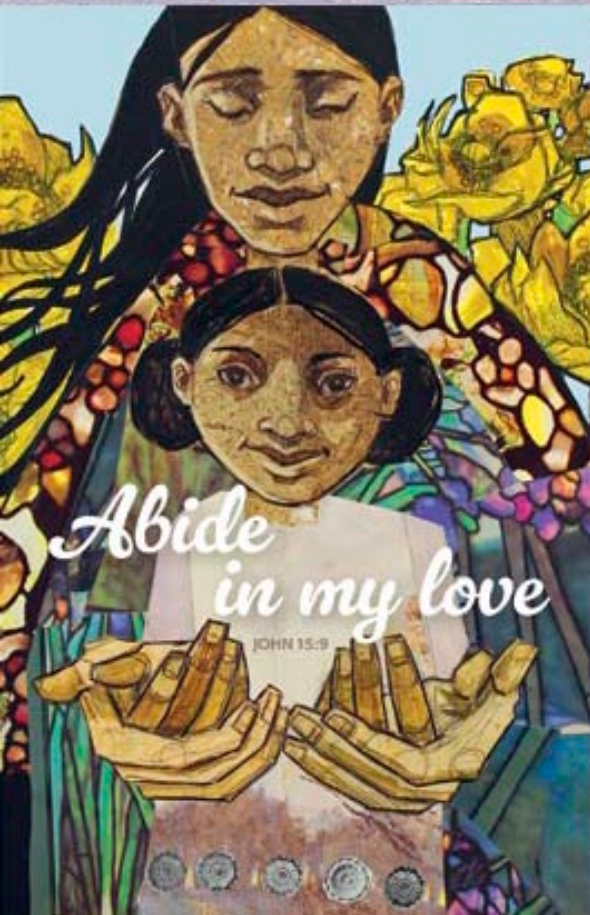
John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing;

but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my
Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but
I chose you. And I appointed you to
go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you
whatever you ask him in my name.
¹⁷I am giving you these commands
so that you may love one another.”

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P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you,
O Christ.

*Abide
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



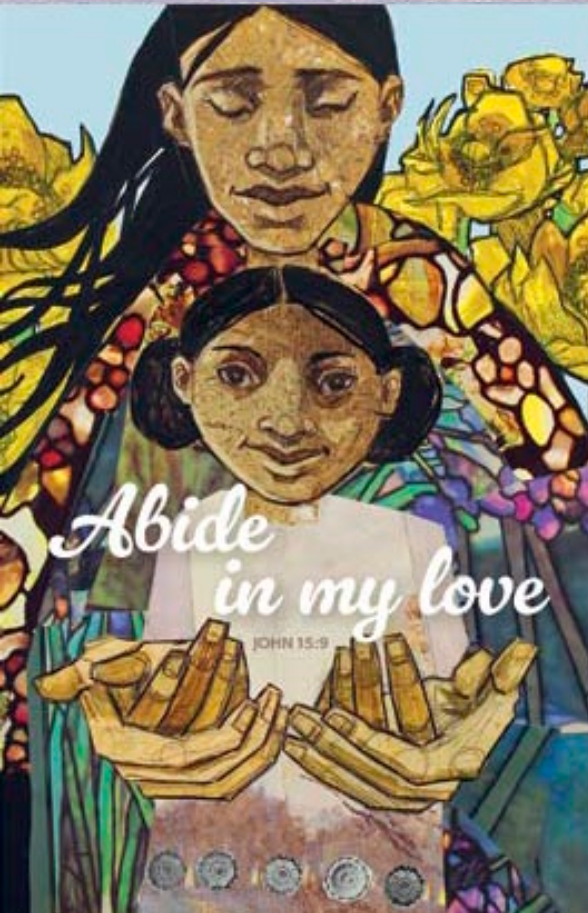
Children's Conversation

*Abide
in my love*
JOHN 15:9



Sermon – Pastor Brad

Hymn of the Day



*This Is My
Commandment*

Verse 1

***This is my commandment
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.***

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that you love one another,
that your joy may be full:***

***That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.***

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that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.***

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Verse 2

***This is my commandment
that you trust one another,
that your joy may be full.***

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Verse 3

***This is my commandment
that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full.***

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that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full.***

Reception of New Members

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. As I call your names, I invite you to come forward:

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P: Together, let us all profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the
dead.**

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**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand
of the Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people,

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P: following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace
in all the earth. Sisters and
brothers in Christ, do you intend to
continue in the covenant of your
baptism among God's people in
this place?

**New Members: I do, and I ask God to
help and guide me.**

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P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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P: Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We now invite you to turn, face the congregation and introduce yourselves so we may get to know you.

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P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

Scan the QR code or go to
stphilip-co.org/giving/ to
make a donation today.
Children may come forward
and place their offering in
the basket.



Anthem

Where There Is Love

(by Karen Crane; arr. by Douglas Nolan)

Sanctuary Choir

Offertory

*This life is an altar where I want to offer
my soul and my mind and strength.
Cleansed by your mercy to live a life worthy
of the One who called my name.
Jesus, be glorified. Jesus, be magnified.
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.
Jesus, be glorified. Jesus, be magnified.
Here at the altar, my life is an offering.*

Offering Prayer

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Abide
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



Words of Institution

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

**All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.**

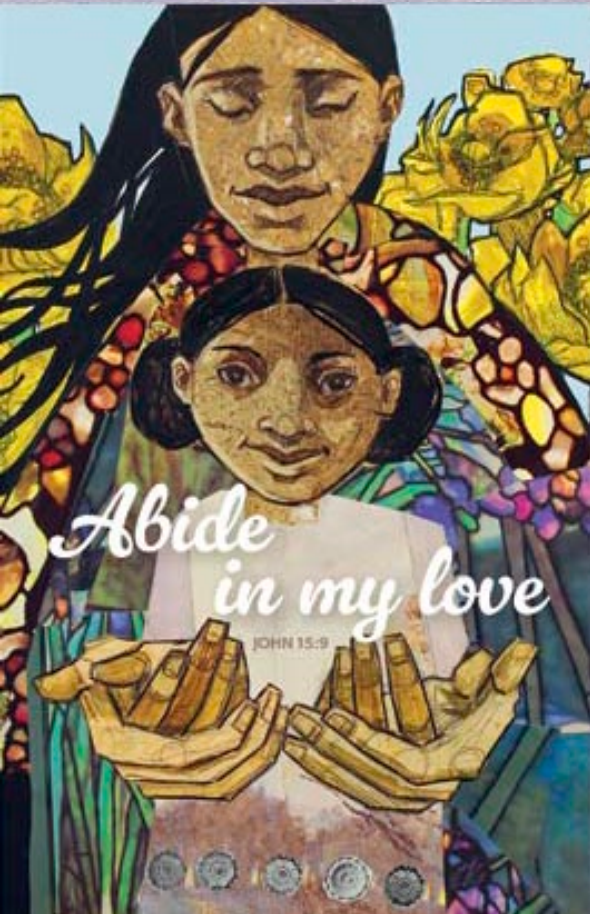


Lamb of God

Verse 1

***Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: And we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.***

Communion Hymn



Jesus Loves Me

ELW #595

Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595, Verse 1

***Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.***

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Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595, Refrain

***Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.***

Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595, Verse 2

***Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.***

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Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595, Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595, Verse 3

***Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high.***

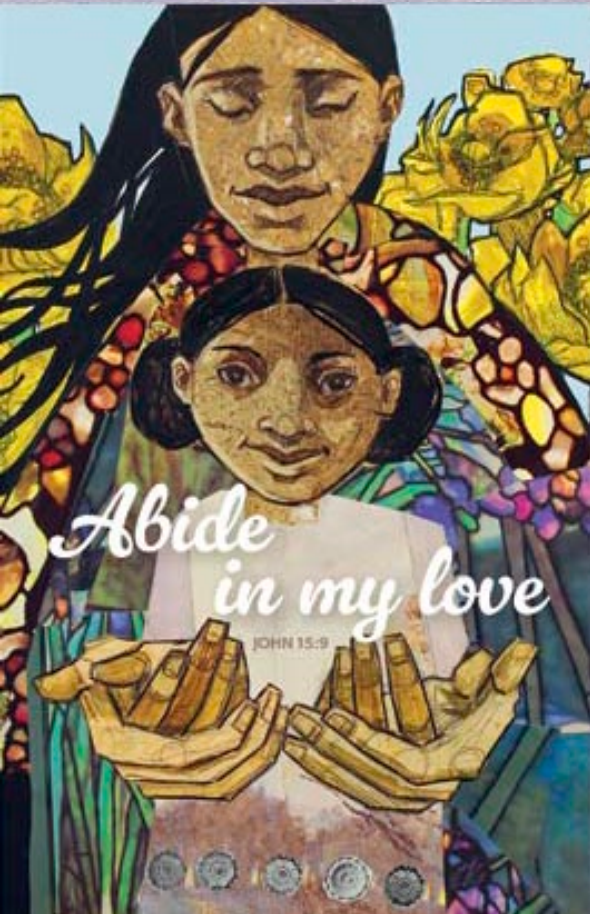
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Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595, Refrain

***Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.***



Communion Hymn



*Children of the
Heavenly Father*
ELW #781

Children of the Heavenly Father, ELW #781, Verse 1

***Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.***

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Children of the Heavenly Father, ELW #781, Verse 2

***God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.***

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Children of the Heavenly Father, ELW #781, Verse 3

***Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.***

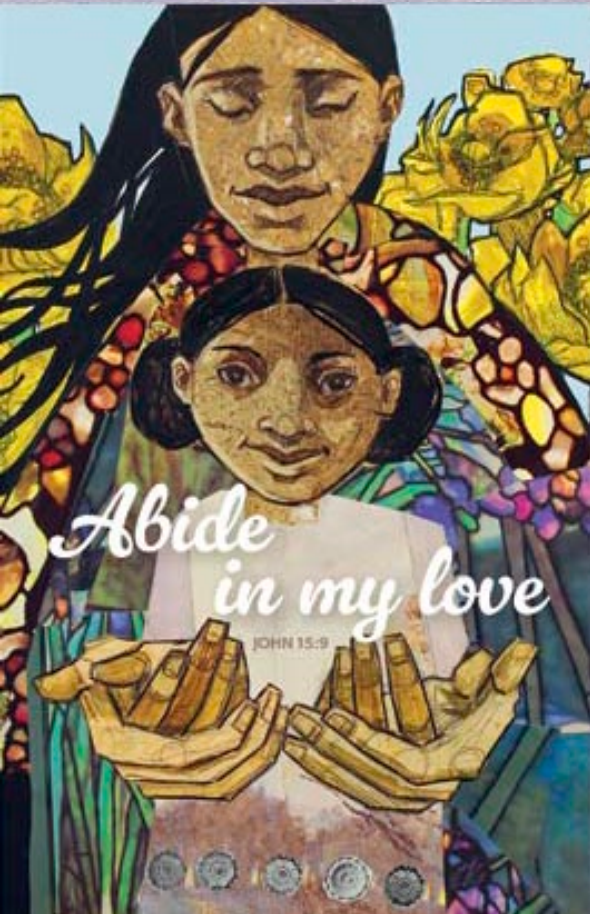
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Children of the Heavenly Father, ELW #781, Verse 4

***Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.***

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Communion Hymn



*What a Friend We Have
in Jesus*
ELW #742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, ELW #742, Verse 1

***What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!***

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus, ELW #742, Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged--

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--

take it to the Lord in prayer.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus, ELW #742, Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge--

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?

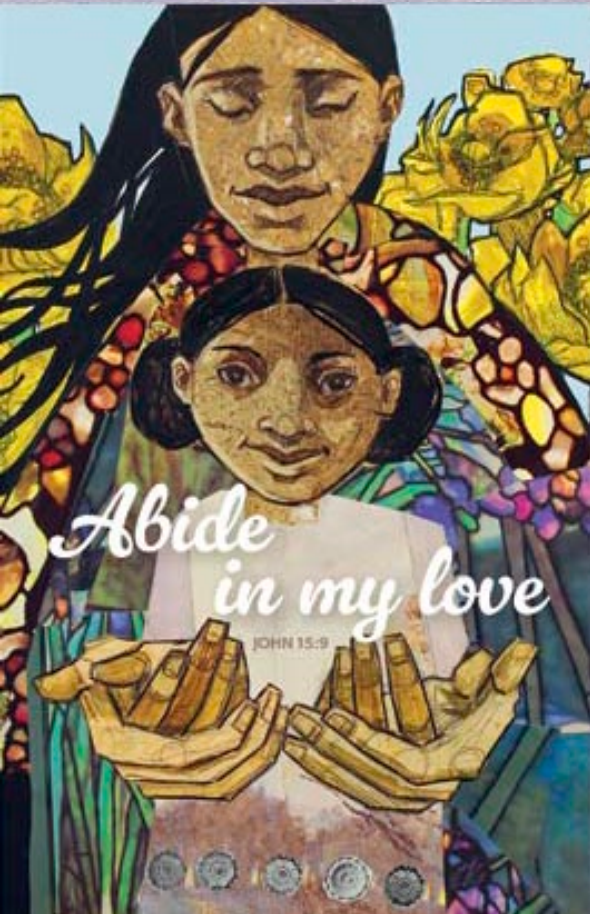
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you;

you will find a solace there.

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Communion Hymn



*O God Beyond All
Praising
ELW #880*

O God Beyond All Praising, ELW #880, Verse 1

***O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.***

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O God Beyond All Praising, ELW #880, Verse 2

***The flow'r of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you,
the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory.***

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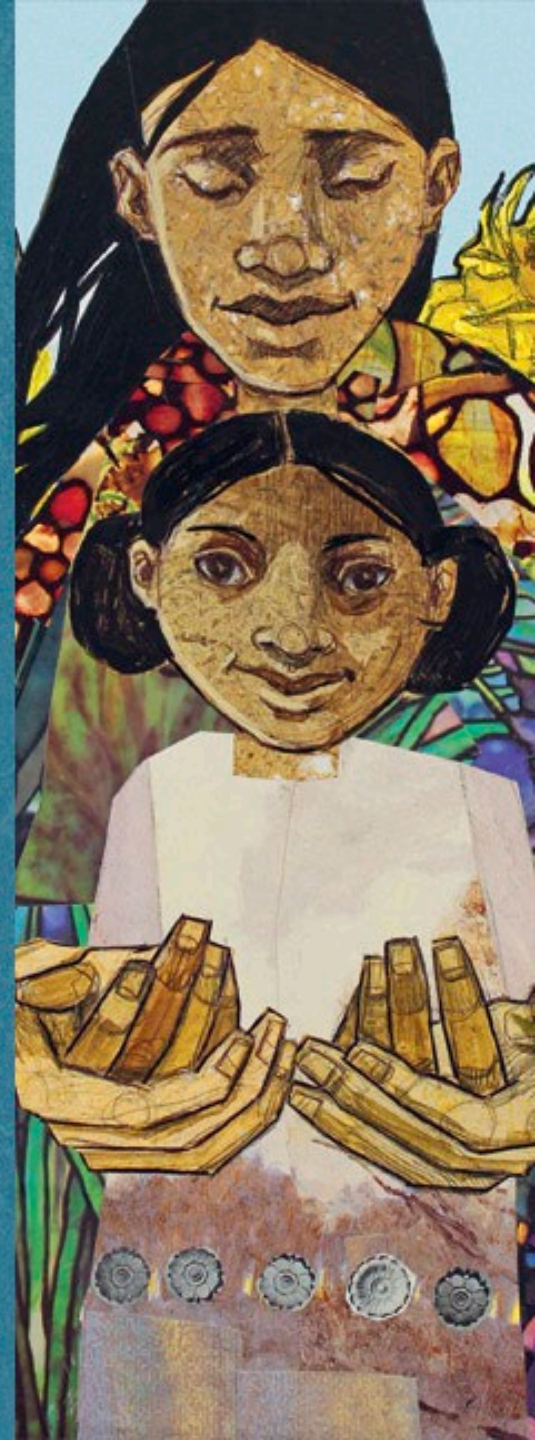
O God Beyond All Praising, ELW #880, Verse 3

***Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.***

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*Abide
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

Blessing of Graduating Seniors



Kameron Barthels
Riley Briggs
Casey Graff
Alex Hendrickson
Tanner Perry
Jada Rogge
Addison Roswech
Lilly Varnell
Jaimen Whittenburg

Life Lessons

from the St. Philip congregation



Gift of Blankets



Blessing of Graduating Seniors



Blessing

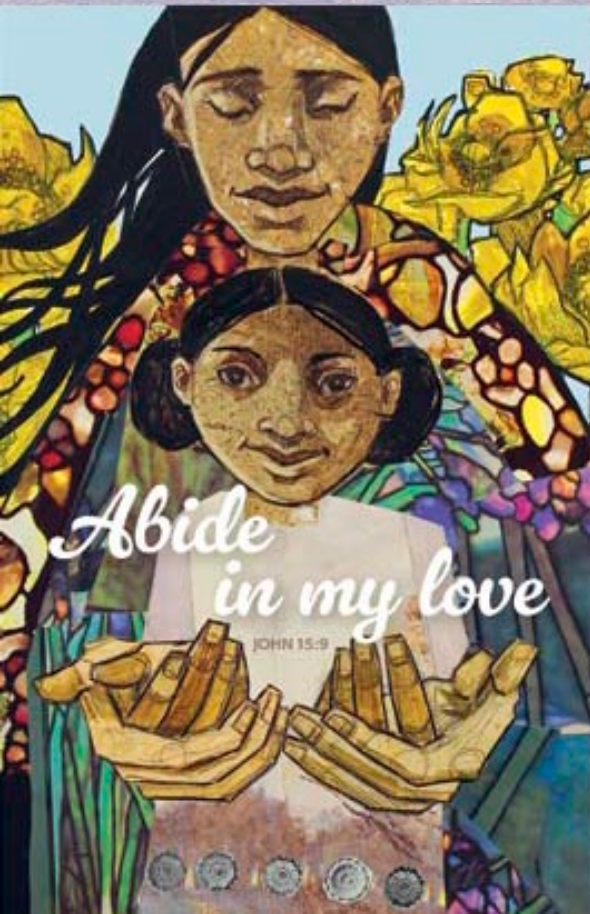
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy, and
the Spirit of Easter hope + bless
you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



*Christ is Alive! Let
Christians Sing*
ELW #389

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, ELW #389, Verse 1

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.***

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Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, ELW #389, Verse 2

***Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.***

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Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, ELW #389, Verse 3

***In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.***

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Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, ELW #389, Verse 4

***Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.***

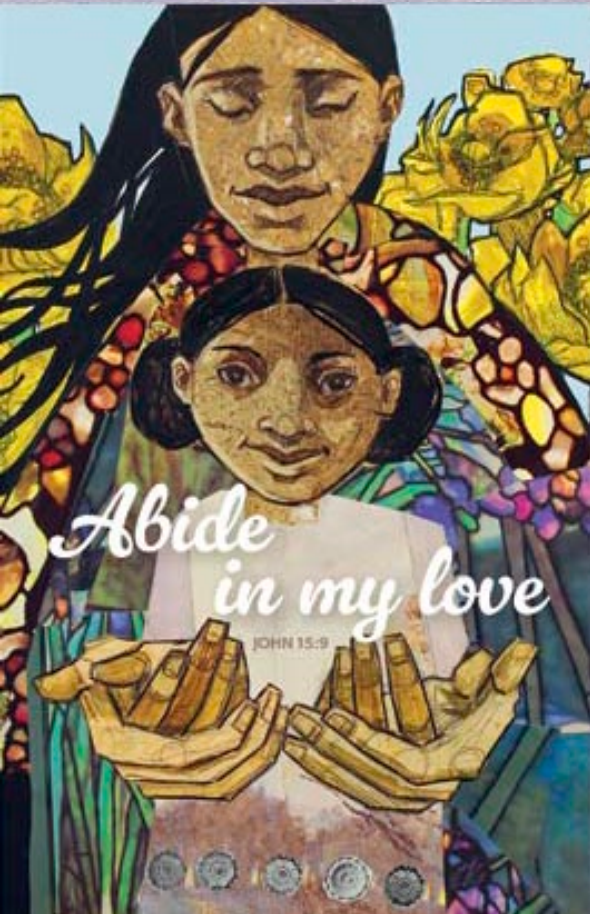
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Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, ELW #389, Verse 5

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***



Dismissal



P: Alleluia! Go in peace.
Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God.**
Alleluia!

God Bless

HAVE A GREAT WEEK

*Abide
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



Postlude – Mario Barbosa

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