

**Cornerstone Methodist Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024**

“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.” John 15:4

GATHERING AS A CHURCH

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements (p. 4)

Call to Worship – from John 15:1-10

Leader: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

People: We abide in Christ, the life-giving Vine.

Leader: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Christ.

People: We have no life apart from Christ, the life-giving Vine.

Leader: When we make our home in Christ, the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of God’s love.

People: We produce the fruit of Christ, the life-giving Vine.

Leader: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Christ, the life-giving Vine?

All: We will obey Christ’s commandments as we rest, play, work, and build loving community with God and one another.

Opening Songs

Opening Prayer

Loving God, our living water, our vine, through the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your garden. Help us to abide in you forever, give us nourishment from your tree of life, and lead us into fruitful fields of harvest for the gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Time for Youth

Nugget & Chadder

Epistle Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Hymn of Preparation

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

UMH 162 (pg. 3)

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-11

Message

Abiding in Christ and Bearing Fruit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response

"You Are the Seed"

UMH 583 (p. 3)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

Joys, Risks, and Concerns

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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Song

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

TFWS 2158 (p. 3)

Benediction

Branches of the Vine, go from this place and share the gospel of Christ with your family, your neighbors, your friends, and with strangers who will become friends. Bear the fruit of the life-giving Vine and cultivate abundant life as you abide with Christ. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia – UMH 162

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the king of creation. *(Refrain)*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *(Refrain)*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *(Refrain)*

You Are the Seed – UMH 583

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.

You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace.

You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new kingdom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. *(Refrain)*

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.

There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. *(Refrain)*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee – TFWS 2158

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *(Refrain)*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *(Refrain)*

Worship Opportunities

Praising & Praying @ 9:45 AM
Family Sunday School @ 10 AM – Worship @ 11 AM
Drive-Up/Outdoor on FM radio 107.5
Online Worship on Christian World Media & Facebook
Contemporary Worship – Saturday, May 11th @ 6 PM

Personal Growth Opportunities

Letter of James Bible Study – Session 2
Wednesday, May 1st @ 6 PM
(Books are now available!)

Service Opportunities

Helping Hands at AG Church – Saturday, May 4th
Long-Term Care Worship – April 28th @ 3:30 PM

Fellowship Opportunities

Visit each other in-person, or call/text
No-Host Breakfast Saturdays @ 8 AM at The Owl Club

Upcoming Church Meetings

Admin Council – Wednesday, May 8th @ 6 PM

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader-Shawn Jones; Music-Keith Jones;
Liturgist-Trevor Jones; Message-Gary Robbins;
Piano-Sonja Sherve & Blayne Jones;
Acolyte-Blayne Jones; Lay Leader-Doug Staton

Prayer List and Chain

Contact Verona Dohms at 635-2742 or Shawn Jones at 635-2335 to have your needs, concerns, or joys placed on our Prayer List or Prayer Chain.

Tithes and Offerings

You may give to our church online thru our website:

<https://www.cornerstonemethodistchurchbattlemountain.org/> and click on the “Give to our church” button or at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=6593200>

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