

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Fifth Sunday of Easter

CHURCH LIFE

April 28, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude: They'll Know We Are Christian's By Our Love

Welcome and Church Life

Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: God of glory, fill your church with your power.

People: It is the power that flows from Christ's resurrection.

Pastor: We gather today to hail the victory of our Lord over the grave.

People: The hour has come to glorify Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Gift us with your Holy Spirit so that we can stay connected to your love.

People: Help us all to abide with you in all we do.

* Hymn # 253.

"He Lives"

*** Invocation**

Offering

Pass It On

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music

Arms Open Wide.

Mark Pittman

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-8

Joan Mayer

Sermon

"Staying Connected"

Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 260.

"The Day of Resurrection"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn. # 671. "On Our Way Rejoicing"

Sending Prayer

*** Benediction**

Postlude:

I'm Trading My Sorrows

Rita Pittman

WELCOME TO YOU ALL: We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave.

Calling all potential new members: We would like to extend to you all the opportunity to become a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies. It is a relatively simple process and you are welcomed to find out more about it from Pastor Jonathon. Why not speak with him today?

Opportunity to serve: We have an opening for a church treasurer. This job requires Quick Book experience with an accounting background. If interested, please contact Hal Bates or Pastor Kosec.

HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN? Hymns are chosen based on the Scripture text for the day, and sometimes they are quite familiar and at other times they are not. What we'd like to suggest for those on the familiar side, you might provide your favorite hymn out of our hymnal or other favorite contemporary Christian song that we might consider adding into the mix. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the rear of the room this morning. List your favorite hymn!

BIRTHDAYS

Joan Mayer 4/28, Laurie Aronson 4/29,

Rev. Liz Jensen 4/29, Janell Pope 4/30

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Barb Whitman & Jane McKenzie

Attendance Last Week: 64

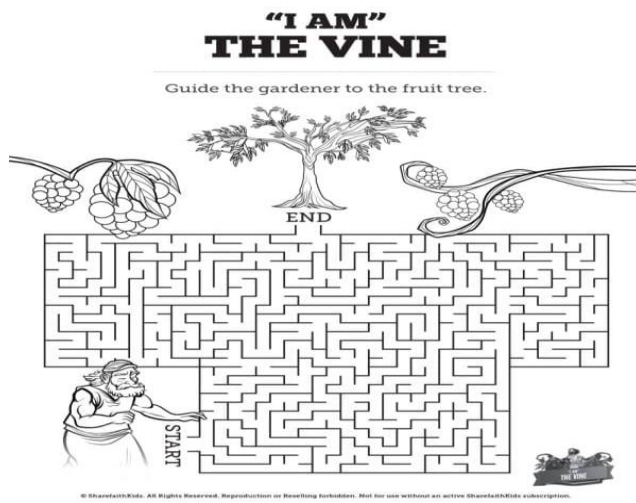
*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

SCRIPTURE READING
John 15:1-8. (The Message)

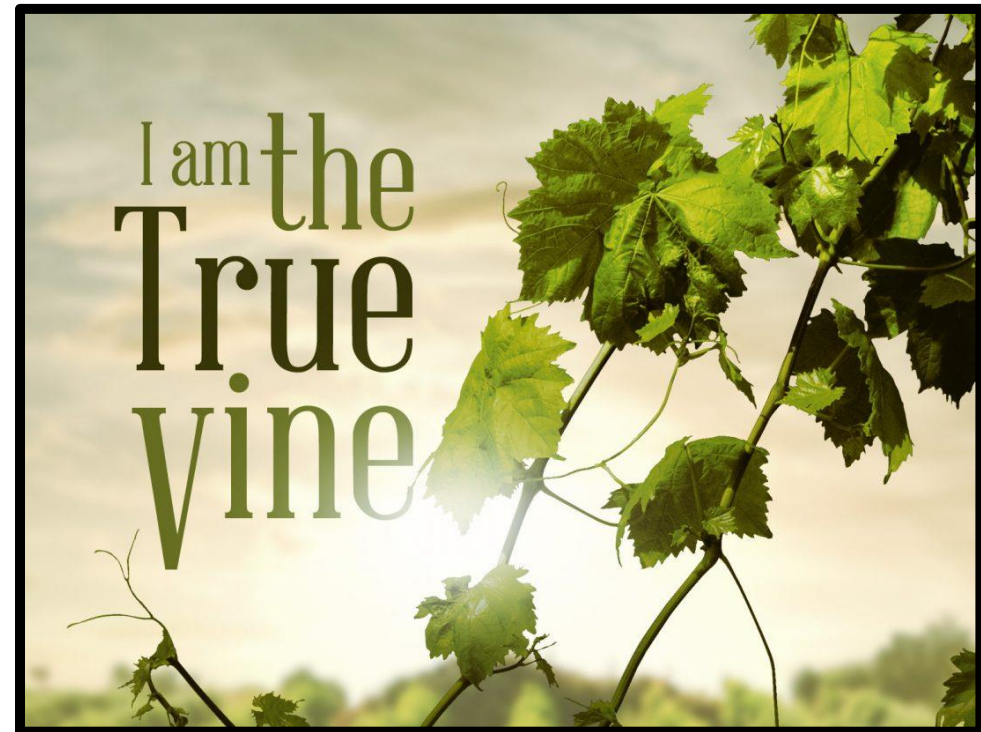
"I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.



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