



Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

[Jesus said:] "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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." – John 15:5,7

Welcome ~ Announcements ~ Sharing of Peace

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised

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Greeting

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

People: And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace let us pray...

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast...

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading:

Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

Psalm 22:25-31 (read responsively)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading:

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

Gospel Acclamation

People: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel:

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Bill Boelter

Hymn of the Day

You Are Mine

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Apostles' Creed

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

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

Graduating Senior Recognition

Prayers

Invitation to Communion ~ Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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Build Us Up, Lord
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Closing Prayer

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Pastor: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

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COFFEE and DONUTS Please help yourself to coffee and a donut as you exit the church. We ask that you wait until you are in your vehicle to enjoy them.

BROADCAST Our Sunday worship service can be heard every Sunday on WDAY at 10 a.m. Today's broadcast is in honor of our high school senior graduates.

THANK YOU A special thank you to all our volunteers today!

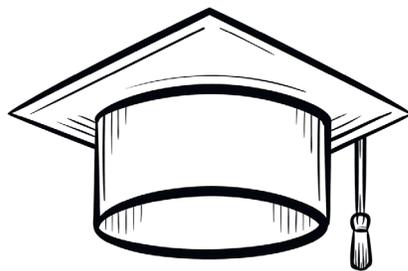
If you would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings in the office, as a greeter, usher, reader, or communion server please call the church office or email kheyer@olivet.org

Today we recognize and celebrate the graduating Senior High School Class at our 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. During worship, we will be presenting our graduates with a quilt from the Olivet congregation made by the Olivet Quilters. Our hope is these quilts will serve as a symbol of their home and Olivet, but most of all, the comfort in God as they embark on their journey. We will invite the seniors to choose a quilt to have placed over their shoulders, followed by a blessing.

We invite you to keep these young adults in your prayers.

*Casey Aasen
Colten Alme
Braiden Behl
Hannah Christensen
Caleigh Damm*
Kiernan Darling
Evan Funk
Jonah Funk
Kaleb Glover
Nathaniel Gronneberg
Gabriel Gronneberg
Ciarra Hansen
Elijah Heyer
Sydney Olson
Caden Robinson
Monika Sauer
Blake Schluchter
Abby Von Bank
Caleigh Damm**

**The rose and the quilt at the altar are in loving memory of 2021 Senior, Caleigh Damm.*



*Congratulations
Graduates!*