

Bible Reading for May 2

John 15:1-8 Abide in Me

Discussion Questions

• Have you ever stopped to think about this image Jesus presents? If he is a vine, and we are branches, what does that mean for our daily lives? What do branches need to grow? What might you need to grow deeper roots in Christ at this time?

The nursery will be opening May 2nd!

Since Debbie Looney will be having one Sunday school class with ages K-5, the nursery will only have two rooms available for babies and toddlers. One of our rooms is being fixed due to water damage.

We want you all to know we are taking all the necessary precautions due to COVID and take your child's well being seriously.

As always, if you have any concerns, please contact Rosie Kross anytime.

Senior Sunday will be **May 23**. Our graduating senior class of 2021 will be recognized during the 10:30 service. If your senior would like to be recognized, but is not in our youth group, please contact Rosie Kross. We do not want to leave anyone out. Thanks so much!

April Missions This month we will be collecting items needed for the Neighborhood Christian Center. Please note the items are to be individually wrapped. Place all donations in the bins located in the fountain area. So please remember the next time you are shopping/ordering groceries to pick up an item or two for the NCC!!

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"An Exultant Alleluia!" - Smith c. 2001 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" - Benjamin c. 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co

"Across the Lands" - Getty/Townend c. 2002 Thank you Music.

"People Need The Lord"—c. 2001 River Oaks Music Co/Shepherd's Fold Music BMI

"The Risen Christ!" - Peterson c. 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co

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April Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received April 18	\$15,056
Needed for April	\$62,235
Received through April 21	\$54,838

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	167
Online:	142

Calendar

Sunday, April 25

10:30 AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM Children's Activities
 6:00 PM Youth, 3rd Flr
 6:00 PM Cornerstone, LFH

Tuesday, April 27

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, LFH
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L
 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, April 28

2:00 PM, HUGS Meeting, L
 6:00 PM Youth, 3rd FLR

FH- Fellowship Hall

LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall

S- Sanctuary

L - Library

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.

We now have wifi in the Sanctuary!

Wifi name: CUMCSanctuary
Password: Psalm100

Easter Sermon Series: Living the Resurrection

Can we hold onto the joy of Easter? How might that change our lives?

April 25—John 10:11-18, Listen to My Voice

May 2—John 15:1-8 Abide in Me

May 9—John 15:9-17 We are Yours



Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers

Stephen Ministers—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastors can get you in touch with one.



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Worship – 10:30 AM

EASTER
WORSHIP
SERIES

Listen to My Voice

LIVING THE RESURRECTION



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April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Benjamin

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

What a joy it is to welcome you this day!

We are grateful and happy to be here.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him.

We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.

Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you.

Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your holy words and to be challenged in our service to you. AMEN.

*Hymn #57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Hymn "Across the Lands"

Getty/Townend

You're the Word of God the father, from before the world began;
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation hold together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.
Refrain
You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of every man,
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of Heaven, for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Refrain

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home.

Refrain

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Special Music "People Need The Lord"

Arr. Larson

Bible Reading — John 10:11-18

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — "Listen to My Voice"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*Sending Forth

*Musical Gift "The Risen Christ!"

Peterson