

The Worship of God

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018

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.

— John 15.5

Gathering at God's Invitation

Music for Gathering Marietta Mobley *piano*

Christ Candle Holden Biffle

Voluntary Ron Mallory

With Tambourine and Dancing

Psalm 150.4

Adult Handbell Choir

Olivia Boddicker, Music Intern, *directing*

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Hymn of Praise 20 ODE TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Congregational Verse

LIEBSTER JESU



Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your



mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
lamb and feed him; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;



in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you he
Way of life, to heav - en lead him; pre - cious Vine, let



shall be giv - en as a child and gift of heav - en.
noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.

A Family Covenanting

Rev. Sherouse
Christina McCord

Thomas Boone Hayes, son of Izzy and Lane Hayes

Congregational Verse

LIEBSTER JESU

(Please see above. *Gracious Head, your member own . . .*)

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Courtney Stamey

Hearing God's Word

Opening of God's Word

James Barber

John 15.1-8

Ho-ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re-

sound with God's own heart; O let the an-cient words im - part.

An-cient words ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing you;

we have come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im-part.

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Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Jesus | True Vine

Responding to God's Word

†Hymn 442

KINGSFOLD

O Come to Me, the Master Said

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Davis Troxler, deacon

Choral Offering

Cindy Berry

At the Name of Jesus

Sanctuary Choir

Baker Lawrimore, Music Intern *directing*

Sending into God's World

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal

Léon Boëllmann

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Baker Lawrimore *organist*

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of **Evon Welch Dean**, by the Willard Dean family.

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will also be greeting worshippers at each exit door after the service.