



First Presbyterian Church, Hawley, Pennsylvania

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10 AM

In-person and Facebook Live

ORDER OF WORSHIP

***“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***

God of love, we know we are connected by the presence of your Spirit as we gather in worship, whether in person or virtually: for truly, wherever two or more are gathered, the Spirit is present! May we remember today how deeply rooted we are in Jesus, our Savior. Refresh us and revive us in him! **Amen.**

Prelude

*Canon in D/Seek Ye First*

Adele Harrison, organ

Matthew Rupcich, piano

Pachelbel

Arr. Sprunger

## Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hank Grilk

One: Come to the vineyard of God.

**All: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

One: Drink from the waters of life.

**All: We live in the light of God's grace.**

One: Come to the vineyard of God.

**All: All are welcome here!**

**Hymn #624: “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” (verses 1, 3 & 5)**

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Carl Wilton

**Merciful God,**

**you know when we are afraid to love;**

**you know when we are too cowardly**

**to show mercy.**

**Remind us again**

**that perfect love casts out fear.**

**Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,**

**embracing and repairing our imperfections.**

**Weave us anew into intricate relationship**

**with you and with one another,**

**that we may cast aside our pride**

**and understand what folly it is**

**to claim we have no need of you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Wilton

Hear the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Friends, believe this good news of salvation. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Congregational Response, Hymn No. 240, “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

## **The Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Oressa Campbell

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

First Lesson: [Psalm 22: 25-31](#)

Second Lesson: [John 15: 1-8](#)

Dr. Wilton

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Young Christians

Musical Meditation

*Near to the Heart of God/Children of Heavenly Father*

Arr. Brant Adams

Hank Grilk, Saxophone

Matthew Rupcich, piano

Sermon

“Entwined”

Dr. Wilton

## **Response to the Word**

**Hymn #515, “I Come with Joy” (verses 1, 2 & 3)**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

Invitation to Offering

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Sanctus (Hymn No. 1)

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion**

(Those partaking at home will serve themselves at this time. Please hold the bread and the cup so we can

partake together.)

Unison Prayer After Communion

**Lord God,  
we have received your word and tasted your truth:  
Jesus Christ, the son of your love.  
We pray that, in the days to come,  
he may guide us  
and we may live with each other  
in his wisdom and love  
and so grow in certainty that the future is his:  
today, every day, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn #306: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)**

**Sending**

The Benediction

Postlude

*Louré*  
*Adele Harrison, organ*

J.S. Bach  
Arr. Birchwood

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The Rev. Carl Wilton, Ph.D.  
Director of Music, Matthew Rupcich  
Organist, Adele Harrison  
Liturgist, Hank Grilk  
Hymn Leaders, Ann Marie Grilk and Hank Grilk  
Saxophone Hank Grilk  
Videographer, Chris Caruso  
PowerPoint Technician, Bill Roberts

**Hymn #624: “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” (verses 1, 3 & 5)**

**Verse One:**

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

**Verse Three:**

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;  
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

**Verse Five:**

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

**Hymn #515, “I Come with Joy” (verses 1, 2 & 3)**

**Verse One:**

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

**Verse Two:**

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.

**Verse Three:**

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

**Hymn #306: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)**

**Verse One:**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

**Verse Two:**

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

**Verse Three:**

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

**Verse Five:**

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.