



**Plainfield Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

Plainfield, Illinois



***Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
"Living Vine, Fruitful Branch"***

Welcome and Announcements

Centering & Song

Katherine Hawker

The Song Reading

Invitation to Worship From Psalm 22

One: Praise the Lord, all you who worship the Holy One! You children of Jacob, come glorify God! You children of Israel, stand in awe of the Lord of Hosts!

All: All who hunger, come eat your fill at the Lord's table. All who seek the Lord, sing praises and worship the God of glory!

Prayer James E. Janecek

One: Divine Gardener, You tend us in steadfast love, unending mercies, and eternal faithfulness; you cultivate true friendship with you through boundless forgiveness. In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts.

All: Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we can now produce forgiveness for each other as we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to Generous Gifts

Reminder of Generous Giving Opportunities

Doxology

Prayer Dedication

All: For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to Your coming reign among us. Amen

Joys and Concerns: Prayers of the People: Lord's Prayer

Song

Prayer for Scripture contemporary Welsh prayer

All: Lord, we would grow with you and bring forth fruit that is pleasing to you fed by your living water giving sustenance to others Lord, we would grow with you.

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Vine Reading

Jerry Bridges

Meditation

Table of Christ

Invitation

Sharing the Story

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Affirming Our Mission

All: We the members and friends of Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ seek to embody and celebrate God's love by being a community that lives Christ's compassion and promotes justice, healing and wholeness of life; a joyous family where all are welcome to join together to grow in faith and love.

Blessing

Go now, and love one another, because love is from God. Proclaim God's salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him. And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful; May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life; And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Amen.

Chimes

