

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND
Love, Hope, a place to Belong
Pastor Carolyn Westlake
April 29, 2018 5th Sunday of Easter

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing)
(*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

Pianist: Shane Titus

****Hymn #2150 (FWS)**

Lord, Be Glorified

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Rachel Lange

L: Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

P: Love is from God.

L: We all are called to live in God's love.

P: Love is from God.

L: When we live in God's love, our love overflows.

P: Love is from God.

L: Let us worship together in Love.

****Hymn #529 (UMH)**

How Firm a Foundation

(vs 1,2,5)

Children's Sermon

Stump the Pastor

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Scriptures:

John 15:1-8

Hymn #700 (UMH)

Abide With Me

(vs 1,3,4)

Message

Fruit Bearers

Pastor Carolyn Westlake

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

God, when we accept the gift of your amazing love in our lives, we become instruments of your abundant love. Accept these offerings for what they are: an outpouring of love for you and for all your creation. Amen.

****Hymn 2115 (FWS)**

Christ Has Risen

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.