

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Variations on Ash Grove (Hymn # 125)/ J. Martin

Jim Harris, Piano

WORDS OF GREETING

Brian Ingraham

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from Psalm 92 (NIV)

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: **To proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,**

Leader: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands

People: **The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming,
"The LORD is upright; he is my Rock,
and there is no wickedness in him."

People: **You make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Trinity Hymnal p. 813) Psalm 80

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I
in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Jacob Grasser

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

If Ye Love Me/ arr. C. Thoburn

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-17 (NIV)

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He 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. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will 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 a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

SERMON

New Vine, New Branches
series: Jesus According to John
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **646**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE