

First United Methodist Church 610 E 4th Avenue Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel 5th Sunday of Easter

Collin Otteson, Organist May 2, 2021

Holy Spirit, guide my listening and response to the Word of God today, as you did with Philip and the Ethiopian so long ago.

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Song: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" #2128

Call to Worship:

One: God is the True Vine,

Many: And we are the branches.

One: Connected to God.

Many: Connected to bear fruit!

One: Connected to God.

Many: Or we wither away.

One: Connected to God.

Many: Or useless!

One: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

Many: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we

might bear good fruit!

Opening Prayer:

God of love, you have invited us to this time and space. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joyful praise for the gift of your love. God of life, you have invited us here to place all that we have and all that we are in you. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship, but to offer our hearts in love. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

Offering: Doxology: Offertory Prayer: God of the far-flung universe and God who is closer than our own heartbeat: we long to dwell in your closeness, abiding in you and you abiding in us. However, the call to abide in other places is strong: to abide in the world of popularity and acceptance or in the world of increasing wealth and power centered around our own wants and desires. As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, help us turn away from other calls and abide in that place of heart's deepest desire: in your Son, Jesus, and he in us. In Christ, we pray. Amen. "I Need Thee Every Hour" #397 Hymn: Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8 & Acts 8:26-40 Abide In and Dwell With Message: Holy Communion Joys & Concerns Silent Prayer

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.

Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121

Benediction:

In these days of "social distancing" we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.



Prayer List:

Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher -Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

Others: Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr — Steve Danburg Rita & Aaron Ellsworth — Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman Del & Doris Jury — Jim Keeter, Sr. - Gene & Ila Norton Rick Norton — Lloyd Schwartz - Doris Slunecka Doug Testerman

PLEASE contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa. Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! "Let us rejoice today and be glad".



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