



## Great Falls United Methodist Church

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Reverend Livingstone S. Dore, Pastor

April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

*“If we are to survive and grow,  
our lives have to be watered and nourished  
just like any flowering plant.”*

### *We Gather in Praise and Worship*

GATHERING

The Day of Resurrection  
Harry T. Smart, Arr. Lloyd Larson

Alice Eelman  
Music Director

WELCOME & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Todd Shaw

CENTERING

Andantino in C  
Ch. H. Rinck

AE

*This signals the beginning of our worship service. Let us be in quietness and a spirit of prayer.*

### *Our Worship to God*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

TS

L: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**C: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

L: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**C: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and productive.**

L: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's word will abide in us.

**C: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

L: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**C: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

\*HYMN

God of Love and God of Power

578 UMH

\*OPENING PRAYER

LD

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is always with you,

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**C: Creator and Lord of all creation, we gather this morning to worship you. Turn our minds away from work, worries, and our “to-do-lists” so we can bring our whole selves before you. May our songs, prayers and message be pleasing to you. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Greet your neighbor in the love and peace of Christ*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

in Room 12 & 15 downstairs

Hubert Deaton/Riffat Hassan

THE PSALTER

Psalm 22: 25-31  
(Response 2)

752-753 UMH

TS

\*HYMN The Risen Christ 3179 W&S

## ***Proclamation of God's Word***

SERMON TEXT John 15: 1-8 (NRSVUE) TS  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **"Know the Source"** Rev. L. Dore

## ***Response to the Word***

ANTHEM Loving Spirit Chancel Choir  
Shirley E. Murray, V. Earle Copes

### MORNING PRAYER

**C: God of Love, plant us in the soil of your grace.**

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER*

**C: Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting Life.**

L: Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days.

**C: Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

### THE JOYFUL GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

God is Love  
Kevin Keil

AE

\*DOXOLOGY

94 UMH

## ***Send Forth to Serve***

\*HYMN My Hope Is Built (vs 1,3,4) 368 UMH

### \*SENDING FORTH

P: Jesus, you are the Vine and we are the branches

**C: Help us to stay connected to you each day.**

P: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE Toccata Animato AE  
Lani Smith

*Our Psalter today is Psalm 22:25-31, found on pages 752-753 in the blue United Methodist Hymnal. We will listen to Sung Response #2 as it is played and then we will sing together each time the red R appears. Let us sing and read responsively:*

**Response 2: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.**

**R**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live for ever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

**and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.

**All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.**

All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.

**Posterity shall serve the Lord;**

each generation shall tell of the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

**Surely the Lord has done it. R**

*Today's Sermon Text comes from John 15: 1-8 in the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.*

**15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.