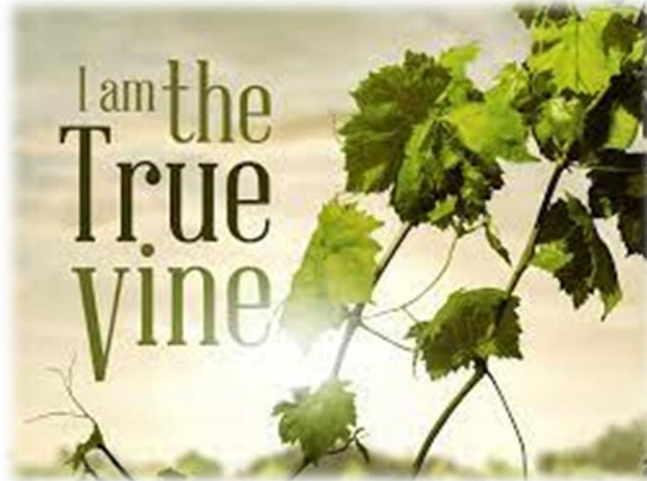


North Chevy Chase Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*“Love first. Love always,
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”*



*April 28, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.

Please set all pagers and cell phones to vibrate at this time.

CH = Chalice Hymnal (found in the pew racks)

The People of God Gather

If you’re new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We’ll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have. We are glad you’re here with us today!

Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community.*

PRELUDE

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

WELCOME

Richard Sherman, Worship Leader

Congregation standing in body or spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

ALL: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

One: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

ALL: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

One: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

ALL: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

One: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

ALL: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.

One: With our hearts open to Creator God, let us pray...

OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

CH 595

PRAYER AND GUIDANCE

Be Thou My Vision

595

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

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Harm. © 1964 The United Methodist Publishing House

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Congregation seated

SHARING OF PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Proclaim

A FIRST READING

1 John 3:18-24

SUNG RESPONSE

"Thy Word" (twice through)

326

Thy Word

Unison E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat E \flat

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

WORDS: Amy Grant, 1984
 MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. Keith Phillips

THY WORD
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A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 15:1-8

MESSAGE

"At Home"

Rev. Dr. Michael McMahon

We Give and Receive

Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people. Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

COMMUNION HYMN

"Seed, Scattered and Sown"

CH 395

395 Seed, Scattered and Sown

Chords: C, G, Am, F, G, C, C7, F, G, C, C/B, Am, Dm7, G, G7, C, G, Am, F, G, C, C7, F, G, C, C/B, Am, Dm7, C

Lyrics: Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown, bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the

WORDS: Dan Feiten, 1987
 MUSIC: Dan Feiten, 1987; arr. Eric Gunnison and R. J. Miller, alt.
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SEED SCATTERED
 Irr.
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). Chords are indicated above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: Dm7, G, C (1-3), C. Lyrics: Liv - ing Bread of God. God. (Last time)

System 2: Chords: Am, G, F, C, Dm, G. Lyrics:
 1. Is not the bread we break a shar - ing in our
 2. The seed which falls on rock will with - er and will
 3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath - ered and was

System 3: Chords: C, E, Am. Lyrics:
 Lord? Is not the cup we bless the
 die. The seed with - in good ground will
 grown, so may the church of God be

System 4: Chords: F, G, G7, D.C. Lyrics:
 blood of Christ out - poured?
 flow - er and have life.
 gath - ered in - to one.

PRAYER BY THE ELDER

Sarah Casseday

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation standing

CLOSING HYMN

"Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)"

CH 536

LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Romans 14:8

536

Pues Si Vivimos
(When We Are Living)

Unísono (Unison)

D Em A7 D

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra Él vi - vi - mos
 2. En es - ta vi - da, fru-tos he - mos de dar.

1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

Bm Em A7 D

y si mo - ri - mos pa-ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 Las o - bras bue - nas son pa-ra o - fren-dar.

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer-ing.

G Em A F#m

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

WORDS: St. 1 anonymous, tr. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;
 st. 2, 3, 4 Roberto Escamilla, 1983, tr. George Lockwood, 1987
 MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. *Celebremos*, 1983, alt.

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
 Irr.

♩=112-120

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FAITH AND HOPE

Estribillo (Refrain) *last time to Coda*

so-mos del Se- ñor, so-mos del Se- ñor.
we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

So-mos del Se- ñor, so-mos del Se- ñor.
We be-long to God, we be-long to God.

3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos,
Estribillo
4. En este mundo, hemos de encontrar
gente que llora y sin consolar.
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,
Estribillo
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
Refrain
4. Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Harlow Hall.

