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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Announcements

Prelude

God So Loved
King Of My Heart

Pastor Brad Bellah

Welcome Home

Children's Sermon

Pastor Brad

Confession and Forgiveness

Song

Words

Gospel

John 15:1-8(The Message)

15¹⁻³ “I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

⁴ “Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

⁵⁻⁸ “I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pastor Brad Bellah

Holy Baptism (Leighton James Harley and Nora Leigh D'Antonio)

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Leighton & Nora for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your son & daughter*, Leighton & Nora baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Leighton & Nora to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *their* in faith and prayer,
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Leighton & Nora grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Leighton & Nora in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Leighton & Nora and pray for their new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

******Baptism******

P: Leighton Harley & Nora D'Antonio, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your sons and daughters new birth,
cleansing them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Leighton & Nora with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says: Leighton & Nora child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as these or similar words are spoken:

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word**

to all the world.

Congregation will join in singing Jesus Loves Me, as the newly baptized are introduced

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Communion

Words of Institution

Hallelujah

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray, saying:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Song

Scars In Heaven

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Song

Goodness Of God

Sending

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we leave worship today, entering the world empowered by God's Grace. We go with this charge and blessing:

Together, we speak:

I am a disciple of My Lord,

I am called by Jesus;

Washed and cleansed in the waters of Baptism;

Fed by His broken body and shed blood;

equipped and nourished by His holy Word;

and sent into a hungry world to share the good news of God, in Jesus!

Pastor: This week, Christ is Counting on YOU.

Together we respond to His call, in faith: Here I am, Lord. Send Me!

Amen!

****CONGREGATION TURN AND WAVE****