



*Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.*

May 2, 2021

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

Christ is the vine. We are the branches. Abide in the vine, and you will abide in love.

Focus Scripture

John 15:1-8

Prelude

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*Call to Worship

Love one another, my friends.

**For God is love in us.**

Love even the stranger well.

**God God is love in us.**

Love sister and brother and child.

**For God is love in us.**

Love one another, my friends.

**For God is love in us.**

\*Hymn

*To God Be the Glory*

No. 98

Common Prayer

**Loving God, you drench us with your love each day. Help us to use your love as our badge of courage, casting out our fears, going forth each day to proclaim your good news, and showing your love to this world that so desperately needs it. Amen.**

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Kid's Time

Anthem

*God Is There*

In the darkest night, in the morning light, God is there. In the rolling seas, in the galaxies, He is there, God is there. He is everywhere all the time. He hears each prayer to heaven climb. In the darkest night, in the morning light, God is there, God is there. He's there when you feel you can't go on; He sees each teardrop that falls; and when it seems you're all alone, He is by your side when you call, God is there! When we go astray, when we lose our way, God is there. When we seek the Lord and obey His work, He is there, God is

there. He is everywhere all the time, He hears each prayer to heaven climb. In the darkest night, in the morning light, God is there, God is there.

## Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you call us to love one another as you love us. May our gifts reveal our love for you. May our lives be reflections of your love as we share with a world in need. Bless these gifts and our lives. Amen.**

Holy Communion

\*Hymn

*Swing Low, Swing Chariot*

No. 703

Announcements

Benediction

Live this week, claiming your identity as God's Children!

**We go to share the good news with all we meet! Amen!**

Postlude

*Jubilation*

Handel

\*Indicates to stand as you are comfortable

Bolded items are for the congregation response.

### Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown  
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

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### Our Staff:

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Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM  
Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live  
10:45a in person

## **Announcements**

Save the Date! Our Midwest Distribution team will be going again on Thursday, May 20th. If you would like to be a part of that important ministry, please contact Jean Holmes for more information.

VBS info will be published next week! This is not a community event this year, but all kids connected to our congregation will be invited!

There will be no children's Sunday school on Sunday, May 30th.

Please call the office with your graduate's information! We will have a recognition for them on Sunday, June 6th.

Food Pantry Needs: pears, green beans, potatoes and honey nut cheerios

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### **Today**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and radio  
9:45 am      Sunday School Classes  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person

### **Monday, May 3**

4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)  
7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

### **Tuesday, May 4**

8:15 am      Just Walking  
6:30 pm      P.E.O.  
7:00 pm      Prayer time with Pastor Kathy (via Zoom)

### **Wednesday, May 5**

1:00 pm      Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm      Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm      Staff Parrish

### **Thursday, May 6**

8:15 am      Just Walking

### **Sunday, May 9**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and radio  
9:45 am      Sunday School Classes  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person