

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Sunday May 2, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Life and Work of the St. Bart's Community  
Prelude: What Wonderous Love is This  
Lighting the Christ Candle

arr. A.C. Whitworth

**Call to Worship**

One: Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches.

**All: Together we bear good fruit, in acts of love inspired by God.**

One: We must stay connected to the one true vine; nurtured by God, the Vinegrower.

**All: Jesus holds us together in loving community.  
Let's worship God together!**

**Greeting**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (Greet each other with a sign of peace.)

**Opening Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

**VU 703**

**Prayer of Approach**

**All: Gracious and loving God, you are the Vinegrower, loving and caring for your vineyard; Jesus is the one true Vine; and we are the branches. Jesus uses metaphors to help us understand your love for us, and to help us begin to know the glory of your kingdom. Prune us to make us stronger and bear more good fruit. Forgive us when we do not bear good fruit and produce bitter, wild grapes. Forgive our sins and help us to follow Jesus, who keeps us connected to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Youth Time: *"Connected"*

**Celebration of New Members (Insert)**  
**Covenanting Service (Insert)**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1John 4:7-21

"May God's Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path."

Piano Solo: More Love to Thee O Christ

William Doanes

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Sermon: "Abide in Me"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Hymn: Just as I Am**

**VU 508**

### The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

**Prayer Prelude: Holy Sacred Spirit**

**MV 15**

**Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.**

**Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us.**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

**The Lord's Prayer**

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn: Over My Head**

**MV 88**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: Allegro Moderato

Handel

## NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Worship Leader:	Rev. Jeff Bacon
Director of Music:	Dorean Boss
Voice of Board & Congregation:	Lorraine Boomhour
Scripture Reader:	Lorraine Boomhour
Sound & Video:	Lori Pereira
Social Media:	Steve Rhodes



Joanne Moote Concison, Cheryl Leonard, Emmett Young, Taeya Bodiam,  
Andy Bertrand, Grace Longfield, Bill Walker, Jean White, Barbara  
Matthews, Marlene Merritt, Fred Dickson, Doug Potts,  
all those who are dear to us, and all of us in our isolation.

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***Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
***Celebration of New Members***  
***Covenanting Service***



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We are a Christian community of faith growing spiritually by serving others and Creation through meaningful worship and music accompanied by compassionate, thoughtful care and outreach.