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Abide in me as



I abide in you

John 15

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Call to Worship

Psalm

Video [The Corner Room - "Psalm 119:33-40" \(Acoustic Sessions\)](#)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathered together as the Children of God, at this baptismal font we remember all that God has done for us:

When the flood waters subsided God said to Noah and his family:

Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures

After God parted the waters of the Red Sea so Moses and his people might cross to safety God commanded them: Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy

When God had provided water from a rock and manna from heaven, Moses said to his people: Remember you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you

When the criminal on the cross said to Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom, Jesus, the Living Water, said: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

As people baptized into Christ's death and resurrection God has made a new covenant with us promising: I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

Whenever water and the Holy Spirit is poured out in this font we remember. We remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome ELW 641

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions (refrain)

(refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign

a new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus; (refrain)
Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; (refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger; (refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter; (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of the Everlasting Covenant, as we gather to worship we remember your great love for us. Make us ever mindful of your grace. Open us to your ways so that we might share with others the hope that comes from knowing Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Michael Gabriel Monroe - Jesus the Vine \(Lyric Video\)](#)

Welcome the Word

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons blessed Trinity!

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-17

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day
(refrain)

Bind Us Together WOV 748

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love

There is only God there is only one King

There is only one body that is why we can sing (refrain)

You are the family of God You are the promise divine

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine
(refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offering Prayer

Generous God, as we place our offerings before you we remember your great faithfulness. Remind us that generosity is born out of trust. Use these gifts for the sake of a world who needs to know your love. Now make us ready to receive Christ at the table you have set before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

At this holy table generations of God's beloved have tasted and seen the Lord's goodness. They have remembered all those who have lived and died in the faith sustained by this holy meal. We remember the very first time it was shared. On the night Jesus was betrayed he gathered at a table with his disciples.

He took bread...

Remembering Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension we share this meal to sustain us in the life of faith until Jesus returns.

As we now prepare to receive this sacred bread and cup may the Holy Spirit be poured out, reminding us of God's grace and mercy as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn
(refrain)

As the Grains of Wheat WOV 705

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst may we share the presence of your love (refrain)

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you (refrain)

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of mercy, in this holy meal we have tasted your goodness and been reminded of your grace. Satisfied and strengthened let us now live a life that remembers your everlasting love for us and the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine WOV 651

Lord, the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness, shining.

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me (refrain)
(refrain)

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me (refrain)

Dismissal Remember we love because God first loved us. Now go in peace. **Thanks be to God!**