

The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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I Am the True Vine

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Today's Lay Reader: Naamah Leary

Welcome

Prelude

Ave Verum

Mozart

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come to the waters of Baptism, one to be baptized, four to take the Baptismal vows for themselves, and all others to remember our baptisms!**

Leader: Come to the baptismal waters, remembering your baptism, and being thankful!

People: We come, all of us, to the baptismal waters to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, and to renew our commitments to Christ and his Church!

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, help us to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our own lives. Help us to embody the faith, hope and love of Christ so that through us, others will come to know him. Help each of us on our own journeys in faith, and help us all to be disciples of Jesus Christ who make more disciples of Jesus Christ. It all begins right here at the waters of baptism. Amen!

Reception of Confirmation Class

*Abby Claire Bergeron, Colin William Daly,
Nathan Alejandro Peña, Emersyn Elizabeth Seibert*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father,
We're so blest to be Your children, Gracious Father,
And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love,
Gracious Father, Gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus,
We're so glad that You've redeemed us, Precious Jesus;
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love,
Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Senior Choir

I Thank You Lord

Joseph M. Martin

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-5

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.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *I Am the True Vine*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" John Carter

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn God Will Take Care of You *(verses 1, 2, and 4)*

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
3. All you may need he will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
4. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be-neath his wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
lean, wea-ry one, up-on his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in C

J. Christian Heinrich Rinck

Bullet^[in] Points:

- * **5th Annual Access-Ability Awareness Night** – Monday, June 8, 7 to 9 PM, Great Hall. Spotlight on caregivers!
- * **2026 VBS** – Our theme this year is Snowball Mountain Challenge! Our new friend Ollie will be here all week to guide us through the challenges we'll face along the way. Join us July 27– 31, 6 to 8:30 PM, either as an Olympian, coach, or referee.
- * **Diaper Drive** – This is the last day of our *No Baby Wet Behind* diaper drive! Many thanks to everyone who has so generously given diapers, baby supplies and gift cards!
- * **CPR/AED Training** - AUMC is offering CPR/AED Training on Saturday, June 6, from 9 AM until Noon, in our Great Hall. The course is open to anyone age 16 and over. A sign-up form is on the Atrium table. You can check Friday's *Tidings* for more information or speak with Kris Rudisill. Cost is \$35 per person.
- * **AUMC Night at Field of Dreams** - Be part of the fun and volunteer for AUMC Night on Friday, June 5, from 6 to 9 PM! We need your help to assist the players and help the game run smoothly. If you can give your time, please contact Reverend Dave.
- * **Next Blood Drive** – Monday, June 22, in our Great Hall. Slots are filling up, so make your appointment soon! Please contact Donna Hill (609-335-7109) to make an appointment or if you plan to bake some treats.
- * **Faithful Fingers** – Tomorrow, 10 AM, in Room U303. See you there!
- * **Offering Envelope Delay** - Unfortunately, our offering envelope company has had another issue with envelope delivery. (One of their suppliers suddenly went out of business.) Generic church envelopes are available on Sunday mornings. You may use one of those, or any plain envelope that you have at home. Please be certain to write your name and address on the envelope so that we know it came from you! Also, if you designate your offering (current expenses, communion offering, etc.) please make note of that as well. *Thank you for your patience!*

Study Schedule:

- Women on Monday, 7 PM in the Memorial Room
- Wednesday, 10:30 AM in Room U104 (***new location!***)
- Wednesday, 7 PM, in the Memorial Room