

Organ Prelude

Praise Song

Welcome

The People Gather

L: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

**P: God's love is poured in us from our birth.**

L: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

**P: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.**

L: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

**P: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.**

Hymn

The People Pray

**Lord, remind us again of Your power to heal our lives. Open our hearts to believe in your restorative power and Your great compassion for us. Give us healing and make us agents of peace for You in this, Your World. AMEN.**

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Special Music

The People Confess Their Sin

Jesus proclaimed "I am the true vine." The source of our life stems from Jesus. All that we do or say, the directions in which we go, all reflect our anchor in our true vine. But far too often we have failed "the vine"; we have chosen the gnarled and knotted existence of anger, alienation, and bitterness. We have twisted the words of caring into words of self-preservation and self-interest. O great vinegrower God, prune this bitter direction from our lives. In Your forgiving love, heal our tendency to strike out on our own, thinking that we have all the answers. Help us to exhibit new growth and strength of character, that we may faithfully serve You. AMEN.

God's Words of Assurance

The commandment that we have from Christ Jesus is that we love one another, treating each other as beloved brothers and sisters. Abide in God's eternal love. Let its power and joy fill your hearts and spirits, preparing you for new growth in the Spirit. AMEN .

The Word of God for the People of God

Scripture John 15:1-17

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> "I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. <sup>17</sup> "This is what I command you: Love one another.*

Message Being the Branch

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The People Go into The World

Praise Song

Benediction

Organ Postlude