

May 3, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 AM  
Gathering Song "God Welcomes All" #399  
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #607

**Greeting, Welcome, and Opportunities for Discipleship** ~ "Welcome to our guests and visitors! As a church of hospitality we invite you, *if you feel comfortable*, to introduce yourself at this time. We are glad you are here. We hope you will fill out a welcome card (found in the pew holder) to help us get acquainted. We also invite you to join us in our Social Hall for coffee hour following worship.

**PRELUDE** "Spring Breezes" Anita Zia, Cello Folksong

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Christ Jesus is the true vine

**ALL: and we are the branches.**

ONE: God is love; abide in God,

**ALL: and God will abide in you.**

Let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #366

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the glorious garden, giver of grace, apart from your Word we can do nothing. Cultivate in us a sense of connection in Christ. Prune our excess and help us to grow in faith so that we may bear good fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ, the true vine.

**Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*At the baptismal font:*

Loving God, we confess that we have placed our trust in ourselves rather than in you.

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We have trusted in our own strength when we should have leaned on you.

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Believing we could go it alone, we have cut ourselves off from the true vine.

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We have been tempted by our culture's call to independence.

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We have equated our self-worth with our own success.

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to your plan. Let us find our home in you and place our trust there.  
**Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! **God loves us. God forgives us**

### ALLELUIA



### \*THE PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, **And let it begin with me.**

May God's peace be with you. **And also with you.** [*we greet in peace*]

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

### A TIME FOR SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 15: 1-8

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### SERMON

"Interdependence Day"

Rev. Dr. Gary Percesepe

### HYMN

"Kum ba Yah"

#472

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER** "DEBTS...DEBTORS..." Pg.513 No 57

### THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Let All The World"

Don Muro

Doxology

#607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Individually)

THE GIVING OF THE CUP (together)

(The cup is unfermented grape juice)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**SENDING HYMN**

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

#765

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE:**

“Spirit of the Living God”

#288

**POSTLUDE**

“To God on High, Be Glory”

Friedrich Zachow

**THANK OFFERING:** April 26: \$15.00. Total added to our 2015 budget: \$487

**USHERS:** Barbara Loucks & Doug Johnson

**READER:** Linda Davies

**FLOWERS:** Deacons

**REVISING OUR CHURCH BY-LAWS: A PROCESS**

**Sunday, April 26** – Official Board Meeting – the proposed By-Laws & Summary distributed

**Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm** – Official Board meeting to review proposed By-Laws. Bring your dinner!

**Sunday May 24, 31, June 7, 21** – “Coffee Hour Q&A with By-Laws Task Team” **JOIN US!**

**Sunday, June 28** – Special Congregational meeting called to vote on the proposed By-Laws

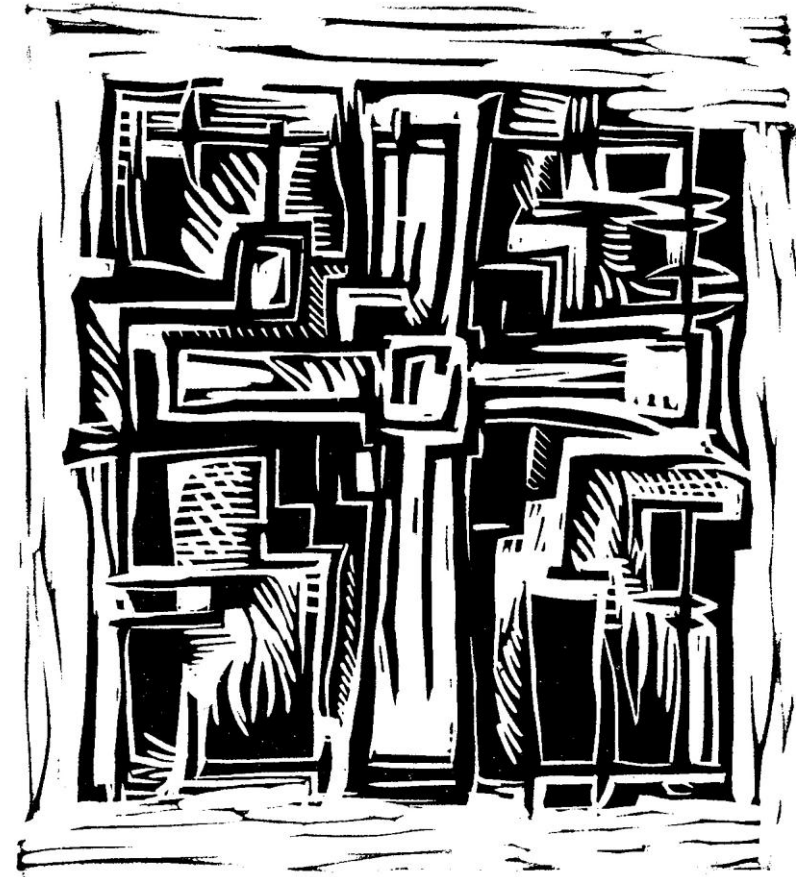
**Questions?** – See the Task Team:

Dian Garnsey, Bob Grossman, Barbara Loucks, Gary Vaughan & Pastor Gary

Christian sympathy is extended to Margaruite Kass and family at the passing of Margaruite’s sister. The funeral took place Friday, May 1, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Please keep Margaruite & family in your prayers.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Spring Seed Starter Garden Party, the beginning of the Dig-in & Grow Season. Lets Dig-in & Grow again on May 17th.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Olive Vaughan; Zoe; Patrice; Ed Jackson; Verena Kossodo; Ronnie Crecco; Rose Crecco; Betty Amos; Sue Lynn; Terry Rodgers; Antoinetta Miele; Janet Porter; The Babb Family; The Catalano Family; Luna Cummings; Gordon Ousey; William (Bill) Meyers; Anthony Crecco; Vincenzo Franzoni; two special intentions



Easter Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

“Easter Cross” ~ Kelly Rider, Artist

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