

**David's UCC on May 2, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Online Worship Bulletin**



Opening Music – *Tim Williams and Lyn Morton*

(the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"What Wondrous Love is This?" arranged by Jay Rouse

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Conrad Kocher, arranged by Diane Bish

"All You Need is Love" Lennon and McCartney, arranged by Phil Keveren

"Air" from Rinaldo G. F. Handel, arranged by Gilbert Martin

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship –

One: God has made this day.

**Many: Let us rejoice and be glad.**

One: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**All: *Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comfort. Amen.***

Invocation –

Children's Moment – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

Announcements and Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Special Music –

"I am the Vine" Allen Pote

**"I am the vine, and you are the branches. You who abide in me will bear much fruit. Love one another as I have loved you; this is my commandment, that you love one another as I love you; then you will bear much fruit."**

Canticle: Psalm 22: 25 – 31 (adapted from The Message)

One: Here in this great gathering for worship, I have discovered this praise-life.

**Many: And I'll do what I promised right here in front of the God-worshippers.**

One: Down-and-outers sit at God's table and eat their fill.

**Many: Everyone on the hunt for God is here, praising God.**

One: "Live it up, from head to toe. Don't ever quit!"

**Many: From the four corners of the earth people are coming to their senses and are running back to God.**

One: Long-lost families are falling on their faces before God.

**Many: God has taken charge; from now on God has the last word.**

One: All the power-mongers are before God and worshipping!

**Many: All the poor and powerless worshipping!**

One: Along with those who never got it together worshipping!

**Many: Our children and their children will get in on this as the word is passed along from parent to child.**

One: Babies not yet conceived will hear the good news that God does what he says.

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Gracious God, Dresser of Vines, we confess that we have been more willing to consume the fruits of others than to bear fruit ourselves. We have refused to give of ourselves when the harvest is uncertain. We have not been fruitful because we depended too much on ourselves and not enough on you. Help us, God, to be channels for your grace, branches who feed on your life-giving Spirit, bearers of your word of love and joy, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

(Tim and Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**
- 2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**
- 3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**
- 4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

Scripture –

First – Acts 8: 26 – 40

Epistle – 1 John 4: 7 – 12

Gospel – John 15: 1 – 8

Sermon – “Close Encounters Of The Divine Kind”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “I Know Whom I have Believed” James McGranahan,  
arranged by Vicki Collinsworth

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