

**Communion Service Liturgy for May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Community of Faith United Methodist Church

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is the True Vine,  
**And we are the branches.**

Connected to God.

**Connected to bear fruit!**

Connected to God.

**Or we wither away.**

Connected to God.

**Or useless!**

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

John 15:1-8

*I am the true vine*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. <sup>2</sup> He removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. <sup>6</sup> If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE**

**BLESSING**

