

 HOPE  
CHURCH



*Grape Vines and Fruit, with Three Wagtails*, Bartolomeo Cavarozzi, 1615–18

February 15, 2026

# Reflections

“Christians feed on Scripture. Holy Scripture nurtures the holy community as food nurtures the human body. Christians don’t simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus’ name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son.”

Eugene Peterson

“What a prodigal waste it appears to see scattered on the floor the bright green leaves and the bare stem bleeding in a hundred places from the sharp knife. But with a tried and trusted husbandman, there is not a random stroke in it all, nothing cut away which it would not have been a loss to keep and gain to lose.”

Amy Carmichael

“Spirit of the Living God, be the Gardener of my soul.  
For so long I have been waiting, silent, and still –  
Experiencing a winter of the soul. But now, in the strong  
Name of Jesus Christ, I dare to ask:

Clear away the dead growth of the past,  
Break up the hard clods of custom and routine,  
Stir in the rich compost of vision and challenge,  
Bury deep in my soul the implanted Word,  
Cultivate and water and tend my heart,  
Until new life buds and opens and flowers.

Amen.”

Carol Mullikin

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING

### *Abide With Me*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victo-ry  
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

**For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

**O house of Jacob, come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord.**

from Isaiah 2, Psalm 1

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **GATHERING SONG**

#### ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, The King of creation!  
Oh my soul, praise him, For he is  
thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper Thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and  
mercy Shall daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends thee!

Praise to the Lord!  
Oh let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,  
Come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen" Sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

### **PRAISE SONG**

#### ***Great Are You Lord***

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness

You give hope You restore  
ev'ry heart that is broken  
Great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

### **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death

Romans 8:1-2

## **RENEWAL SONG**

### ***Your Labor Is Not In Vain***

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you  
Is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain

For I am with you I am with you  
I am with you I am with you  
For I have called you  
Called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out  
And the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labored to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed  
And all that is broken be healed

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN DISMISSED (First Services)**

## **LIFE TOGETHER**

# PREACHING OF THE WORD

## “Connection in a Disconnecting World”

David Speakman

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

John 15:1-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Notes**

**RESPONSE**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Threefold Amen*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERTORY

#### ***May the Mind of Christ My Savior***

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing – this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

#### ***We Abide, Abide in You***

We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches:  
we abide, we abide in You.  
We abide, we abide in You.

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,  
rain on us with grace and favor:  
we abide, we abide in You.  
We abide, we abide in You.

Where can my soul find living water?  
Apart from You we bear no fruit!  
O plant my feet down by the river:  
we abide, we abide in You.

### **SENDING**

#### **SENDING SONG**

#### ***My Friends May You Grow in Grace***

My friends, may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.  
My friends, may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory!  
Now and forever  
Now and forever, Amen

My friends, may you grow in strength  
And to the labors God brings before you.  
My friends, may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

### **BENEDICTION**

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

# LIFE TOGETHER

## SERVE

**Bagging Up Blessings** - Feb. 15-Apr. 5: Fill barrels by entries with nonperishables.

## CHURCH LIFE

**Deacon Nominations Open** - Nomination form available in Looking Up and in the back of the Worship Hall.

**Ash Wednesday Service** - Feb. 18 6:30pm: Redeemer Church; Signup for childcare.

**Children’s Ministry Assistant** - Applications received until Feb. 18.

**Poverty Awareness Simulation** - Mar. 21 10am-12:30pm at Redeemer: Save the date.

## PARENTS & CHILDREN

**Summer Conference Registration Now Open** for the Edge and RYM.

**Kids Connection** - *February Verse* - So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16

### FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 2/28		Difference
<b>Income</b>	\$117,013	\$188,571	-\$71,558	-37.95%
<b>Expense</b>	\$162,850	\$267,633	-\$104,783	-39.15%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	-\$45,837	-\$79,062		

### ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309

<b>Making Room for More</b>	Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received
	\$8.6 million	\$5,243,302	\$4,355,337