

Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in them, and they in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. We love, because God first loved us. If any one says, "I love God," and hates their brother or sister, they are a liar; for whoever does not love their brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that whoever loves God must love their brother or sister also.

L: This is the word of the Lord; P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Abiding in God" Rev. Frank Wyche

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

\***HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* #665

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\***HYMN** *A Christian Home* #451

\*BENEDICTION

\***CHORAL CLOSE** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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I am  
the  
vine;  
you  
are  
the  
branches.

John 15:5

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May 10, 2015

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 119: 1-2, 10, 15, 24

L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart.

**P: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me wander from your commandments!**

L: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**P: Your testimonies are my delight, they are my counselors.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in whom we live, and move, and have our being, draw near to us, as we draw near to you in worship. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be more committed and faithful disciples, and help us to love you, and others, as Jesus commanded; we pray in his name, Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

#429

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION** ~ Ezekiel 33: 11, 19

L: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**P: When the wicked turn from their wickedness, and do what is lawful and right, they shall live.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ~ From the Church of Scotland

**O Lord, you are God of love, and mercy, and forgiveness. Having received such a depth of love, forgive us for how willingly we fail to offer love to others. Self-interest and ambition blind us to the sensitivities of others, and to being aware of your presence in and with others. We use cruel words and hateful hands to diminish others' worth. Knowing that we bear the hurt of those who have torn at the heart of who we are, help us to willingly forgive others, even as we seek your forgiveness.**

*(Silent prayer and private confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ Psalm 103: 1-3a, 8-12

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity.

**P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

**P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#813

ANTHEM

*Shout to the Lord*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Preschool through 5th grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 15: 1-8 ~ Pages 939 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. 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. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I in them, those are those who bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a person does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 John 4: 7-17, 19-21 ~ page 1067 in the pew Bible

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No human has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the