

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH

Order of Worship

10:00 A.M.

May 2, 2021

Welcome! We find our strength in Jesus, the Vine in whom we must abide as Christians. May we all realize the strength of God's abiding love in our lives.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth" . . . arr. Joel Raney
..... Dan Chien, Organist

Introit: "Praise the Name of Jesus"

Call to Worship: (*Psalm 98:4-9*) . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

L: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the king, the Lord.

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

L: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy;

People: For he comes to rule the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Prayer of Invocation

When we have allowed a chance to share your promise to go by in silence, forgive us, Good Lord. When we have been afraid to witness to our faith by words or loving actions, forgive us, Good Lord. When we have judged someone unworthy by worldly standards, forgive us, Good Lord. When we have failed to provide welcome to a stranger, or a seeker, or an enemy, forgive us, Good Lord. Forgive us, we ask, and give us the courage to take chances in your name, Good Lord. ...(*silent prayer*)... Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon and Summary of the Law

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Sermon: "Connected to the True Vine"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory: "I Am The Vine" Clifford McCormick

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Benediction

Choral Response: "I Am The Vine" (*excerpt*)

Postlude: "Abide with Me" arr. Jay Rouse