

**April 28 bulletin 2024**

**Welcome**

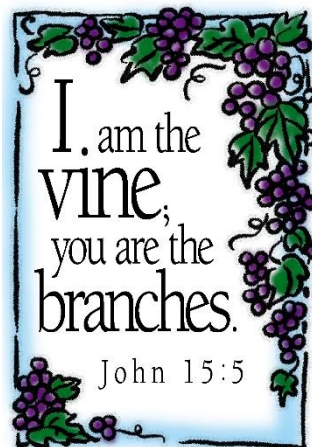
**Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Christ Candle**

**Hymn of Invocation MV 32 Hallelujah**

**Call to Worship**



God is the Gardener, and God is planting something new;

**In this time of worship, may we grow in Christ.**

God is pruning us back so we may bear fruit;

**In this time of worship, may we repent, and know God's forgiveness.**

God is nurturing us with water and Spirit, that we may blossom;

**In this time of worship, may we praise our Creator and Sustainer!**

Come, let us join together in worship;

**Let us praise God, who is growing something new in us**

**Opening Prayer**

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Hymn VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Love, we confess that at times we do not know You. We turn away our neighbors in need and we curse strangers instead of getting to know them. We do not see Your love in the world, and we do not love as You loved us. Forgive us for not loving others as You first loved us. Save us from our selfish ways. In the name of Christ, who gave himself up in the greatest act of love, we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

God's steadfast love endures forever. God is love, and when we love one another, we love God. God's love is very near to us when we are caring for our neighbors in need. There are always opportunities to love our neighbor, and in doing so, we turn back to God's ways. Go into the world knowing God's love and forgiveness and extend the same love and forgiveness to others. **Amen.**

## Theme Conversation What Feeds Us?

**Hymn** VU 289 It Only Takes a Spark

**Scripture** Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**Sermon** "Song of the Open Road"

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Minute for Mission**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn** MV 172 verse 4 God Says

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** VU 567 Will You come and Follow Me

**Benediction**

Remain with us, O God. **Grow with us, O God.**

Go with us, O God. **Love us always, O God.**

**Sung Blessing** MV 223 We Will Go with God

