

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | AUGUST 1, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

John 15:5

Opening Hymn 333 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Prayer of Confession

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him, to be branches on a vine which bears the love-liest of all the fruits of earth. Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live.

Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigor of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for our tendency to wander instead of growing on the framework you provide, for being content with, and sometimes even proud of, a few sparse or undersized fruits.

Have mercy on us, we pray. Heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy. For your Name's sake. Amen!

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response to God's Grace 579

Gloria

Invitations and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Song

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-17

The Preached Word **JESUS IS THE VINE**

Jim Wood

Offering Our Gifts

Secure e-giving is available on the website or we have a text to give option. Simply text GIVE with your desired amount to 530-LOVE. Check gifts may be mailed directly to the church, 820 Colonial Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23507.

Offertory

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
FPC Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Invitation to the Lord' Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The 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 and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Communion Music: *Eat This Bread*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn 369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Benediction