

The Liturgy of the Word
Invitation and Gathering

*stand as you are able
Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Concerns Pastor Olivia Fabros

*Praise and Worship *Let the Redeemed of the Lord* Joyful Noise
Softly and Tenderly

Call to Worship Denny Wilcox

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

People: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

*Hymn *What Wonderful Love is this?* #292

Opening Prayer: Denny Wilcox

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moment

*Scripture **Proclamation and Response**
John 15:1-8 Denny Wilcox

*Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #121

Message "Stay Connected" Pastor Olivia Fabros

Offertory

*Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we reflect on the wisdom in the words from John's gospel. In this imagery, we recognize our role as branches, connected to you, the source of our strength and vitality. Help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. May these gifts signify our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

Passing of Peace

*Song *Good Good Father* Joyful Noise
(Quarters will be collected during the song)

Pastoral Prayer/ Intercessory Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving

*Song *Go Now in Peace* Joyful Noise

Sending Forth

*Benediction Pastor Olivia Fabros

*Postlude

Thank you...

To **Denny Wilcox** - for being our Scripture Reader.

To **Judy Tonderum** – [Radio Sponsor] In memory of Harlan Tonderum's birthday

Announcements:

VBS Meeting

There will be a VBS meeting on Tuesday, **April 30th** at 5:30 – 6:30 pm for all who are interested in helping with VBS June 17th-20th. We will meet in the Memorial room.

Outside Help Needed

The trustees are looking for someone who would be willing to do the pruning and trimming of the bushes and hedges around the church. If you are willing to take on this project, please let any trustee know. Thank you to Lavern Roberg who did this for many years!

Can Returns

Thank you to those who've donated their beverage cans. If you'd like to donate, clean returnable cans may be left in the boiler room.

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:30 pm Sundays before or after worship

Adult Bible Study:

Sundays 10:15–11:30 AM - Gather in the Memorial Room

Leaders - Jo Johnson and Steve Schmudde

The current topic is Paul's Missionary trips in Acts & the books and letters he wrote.

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