

WELCOME to WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "The Lily of the Valley" Blk #2062

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**There are several ways to look at vines, O Lord.
Some of us look at vines
as tangled messes of wood and fiber,
twisted, battered, hopelessly knotted.
Others of us see vines as delightful reminders
of the many ways in which we are connected
and interwoven to the main trunk of the plant.
Jesus proclaimed, "I am the true vine."
The source of our life comes from Jesus.
All that we do or say, the directions in which we go,
all reflect our anchor in our true vine.
But far too often we have failed "the vine";
we have chosen the gnarled and knotted existence
of anger, alienation, and bitterness.
We have twisted the words of caring
into words of self-preservation and self-interest.
O great vine grower God,
prune this bitter direction from our lives.
In your forgiving love,
heal our tendency to strike out on our own,
thinking that we have all the answers.
Help us to exhibit new growth and strength of character,
that we may faithfully serve you. Amen.**

- - silent prayer - -

WORDS of ASSURANCE

The commandment that we have from Christ Jesus is that
we love one another, treating each other as beloved brothers and sisters.

Abide in God's eternal love.

Let its power and joy penetrate your hearts and spirits,
preparing you for new growth in the spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "My Life Is In You, Lord" Blk #2032

SCRIPTURE John 15: 9-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE "Friends Forever" Pastor Lori Shannon

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER Red #94

HYMN "Bind Us Together" Blk #2226

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE & OFFERING

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ASSISTING THIS MORNING: PRAISE BAND: Roger Davidson,
Brandt Ferry, Steve Lawson, Mitchell Rueschenberg; **GREETERS:** Wava
Bails, Sue Thompson; **LITURGIST:** Rebecca Gough; **SOUND; VIDEO:**
Becky Mahoney.

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FIRST UMC WORSHIP

- ♦ For everyone's safety, we respectfully ask that all wear masks to worship.
- ♦ Please sanitize your hands upon entering the building; hand sanitizer is available at all the entrances, as well as disposable masks.

HOSPITALITY CORNER: SW Entrance of Sanctuary

Help yourself to beverages or snacks!

→ **SIGN UP to be in charge of COFFEE** for a Sunday morning
on the clipboard back by the Hospitality Table.

PLEASE clean up after yourself and be sure to throw
your trash away as you leave the Sanctuary. Thank You!

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SENIOR SUNDAY

High School Seniors will be recognized
during morning worship next **Sunday, May 16th.**

VIRTUAL WORSHIP: watch the weekly service via

Facebook: **Harlan First & Monroe Chapel United Methodist Churches**

Website: **www.harlanmethodist.com**

Local Cable: **FMCTC: Tuesdays, 1:00pm #48**

HMU: Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:30pm #15

Mediacom: Mondays, 10:00am #18

Contact the office for a DVD copy of the service and/or bulletin.

NOTE

Pastor Mike is on leave through May 31st; during this time Pastor Lori Shannon will provide coverage. In the case of an emergency, Pastor Lori can be reached at 712-653-3017. Email prayer concerns and/or joys to the office during the week and they will be shared at worship.



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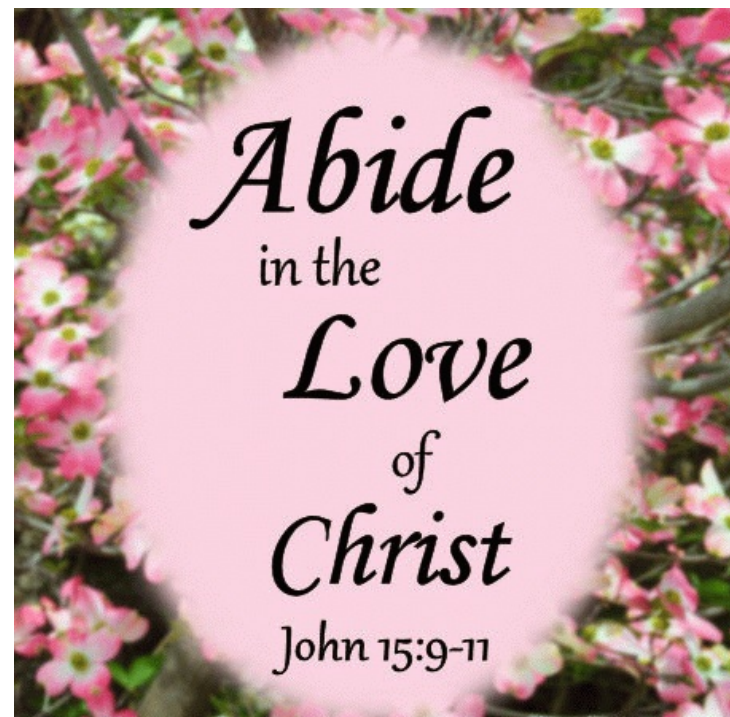
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"I didn't have time to get you anything, but you can download some Mother's Day wishes off my web site."

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