

**Fair Street Reformed Church**  
**Morning Worship ~ May 2, 2021**  
***Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
**Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

*Worshipping together since 1849, Fair Street is a community striving to live into our call to love God and neighbor. We welcome you, friend and neighbor, into this space and time to worship, in hopes that you will be able to experience God's love, grace, presence and welcome in these moments.*

**Please note:**

Entering the Zoom Worship Space PRIOR to worship: *you are welcome to say hello and check in with everyone. The Space will be open and active by 9:30am each week.*

If you join us after 10am, please enter the room quietly and mute your microphone. *As long as you can hear Pastor Kendra, you will be able to participate in worship.*

*Please note that if you are able to join us on video but not print up the liturgy, the liturgy will now be shared on the Zoom screen as we worship!*

\*For prayer requests, joys and concerns please email [pastorkendra1@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkendra1@gmail.com) by Saturday night, or you can text her on her cell phone. You will also be able to send them in the chat conversation that will be to the right of the video screen on Sunday.

\*Following worship, remain online, unmute yourself and join us for our virtual coffee hour!

\*Be sure to check the Fair Street Weekly for updates and announcements for the week!



Please let us know that you are here! Open the camera on your phone, scan this code and then click on the link that shows up

at the top of your screen. **This code will bring you to your email, in which you will be able to safely send an email to the Church Office to let us know you are here!** *Please include: your name, mailing address, phone number, and if you would like a call from the Pastor, or if you have any questions about Fair Street.* Thanks for joining us today!



**Do you have a Prayer Requests with a Joy or Concern you would like to share with the Fair Street Community?**

Open the camera on your phone, scan this code, and then click on the link that shows up at the top of your screen. **This code will bring you to your texting app in which you will be able to safely share a prayer request, joy or concern with Pastor Kendra.** Pastor Kendra will share your request later during the service. If you prefer her to not share with the congregation, please be sure to include the words: "Please do not share".



**Safely make an offering to Fair Street Church from your phone.**

Open the camera on your phone, scan this code, and then click the link that shows up at the top of your screen. **This code will bring you to our secure giving page where you can give your offering online.** Offering Plates are also at the entrance of the Sanctuary in which you are invited to place your offering as you arrive, or as you leave. Today's worship service will be posted and shared on the website by Monday afternoon.

# Morning Worship ~ May 2, 2021

## Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! God Gathers the Church

### GATHERING AND WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to worship

Jesus is the vine

**And we are the branches.**

If we remain in the Lord

**Then we will bear fruit.**

And whatever we ask

**Will be granted by the one who loves us.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we long to know the power of your resurrection promises, but we are slow to let go of all that keeps us in the grip of death: anger, regret, envy, stubbornness, self-righteousness, exclusion, fear, and despair. Forgive us, work in our hearts, and show us the joy which comes in believing your word of life. Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

Colossians 3:1-4

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.”

### GLORIA PATRI

# God's Word Is Proclaimed

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

**John: 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed<sup>[b]</sup> by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become<sup>[c]</sup> my disciples.

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

### SERMON

**Rev. Kendra VanHouten**

### HYMN

## The Church Responds to God

### THE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE WITH OUR GIFTS:

While the social distancing makes it a challenge to worship in person, and serve alongside one another, ministry is still happening. We ask that you consider either mailing in your offering contribution or sending it online through our secure website:

<https://fairstreetreformedchurch.org/>, and click on the [support us](#) page. Your offering supports the work and ministry of the church as we continue to seek for ways in which we can love our neighbor, with no exceptions, even from a distance.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)\*

**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.**

### BENEDICTION