

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Trinity

Centering Contemplation Prayer Pastor Adam
Folks are invited to sit in silent prayer, becoming aware of God's presence and reciting the centering word, "abide"

Call to Worship Autumn Boyer

One: Come, all who are weary and searching for life.
Many: We come to the One who is the True Vine, our Source of Life.
The Father tends us with patient, loving hands,
We open ourselves to His pruning and His care.
Jesus says in John, apart from Him, we can do nothing.
So we draw near to Him, to abide in Him.
He calls us not just to faith, but to remain.
To stay rooted in His word, His love, His life.
Let us worship the Vine who gives us life.
That we may bear fruit — fruit that will last.
All: Lord Jesus, You are the Vine and we are the branches. Draw us close today.
May our worship be the overflow of a life rooted deeply in You. Amen.

† **Opening Song** "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend **WS 3105**

The children may proceed to the nursery with volunteers as this time.

Prayer of Confession Autumn Boyer
Lord, You are our sustenance and our Life Source, in Whom we abide, and we depend on You. You call us to abide in You, but we confess that we have not remained in You. We confess we have found ways to separate ourselves from You, our neighbors, our loved ones, and ourselves, through our actions, inaction, and

wandering hearts. We bring our whole selves back to You. Care for us in pruning the parts of us that are not bearing good fruit. Restore in us the abundant life and joy of abiding in You, that we might bear forth the kind of fruit You want with and in our lives. Amen.

My friends, the good news is, even when we failed to abide in Jesus, he was faithful and remained in and with us. He will never leave nor forsake us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and restored back to our ourselves!

† **Peace of Christ**
At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.

† **Song** "Be Thou My Vision" **UMH 451**

Prayer for Illumination Autumn Boyer
God who abides with us and speaks to us, draw us near to You and to be attentive to Your speaking to us in the reading of your Word. Abide with us as we become attentive on how we can abide in You. Give us grace and courage to put into practice what we hear from You. Amen.

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-17 Autumn Boyer
One: this is the Word of God for us the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God!**

The Offering and Hymn "It is Well, with My Soul" **UMH 377**



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

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Doxology
Prayer over the Offering

Sermon Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution from Pastor

†*Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

Prayer After Communion (In Unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

†*Closing Hymn*

"Abide with Me"

UMH 700

†*Benediction*

†*Chiming the Trinity Bell*

†*Postlude*

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Abiding in the Vine

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