

# Woodridge Congregational Church – UCC

May 2, 2021

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - Worship with Communion

*Please have your own communion elements of bread and juice prepared for our sharing of the sacrament in this service.*

Gathering Music                      *Canon of Grace*                      arr. Linda R. Lamb  
Bob and Nancy Quintiliani - chimes  
Dan Pomfret - video editing

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading:        Psalm 22: 25 - 31 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,  
<sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

## Communion Hymn

### *Break Now the Bread of Life*

*Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44*

*Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; alt.*

1 Break now the bread of life, Sav - ior, to me, as you once  
2 Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once

broke the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond-age cease,

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it yearns for you, O Liv - ing Word.  
all shack-les fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

*Mary Lathbury, "poet laureate of Chautauqua," wrote her prayer hymn to enrich the lives of those gathered for summer study at the lakeside conferences near Jamestown, New York. The tune was written for it by the chorus director of Chautauqua that same season.*

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D.  
William F. Sherwin, 1877

## Sharing of Communion

*Please provide and partake of your own elements of bread and juice*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**God of abundance, you have feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to all the world. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 15: 1 - 8 (NRSV)

"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 to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed 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 my disciples.

Sermon

"Abiding Love"

Rev. Scott Spencer

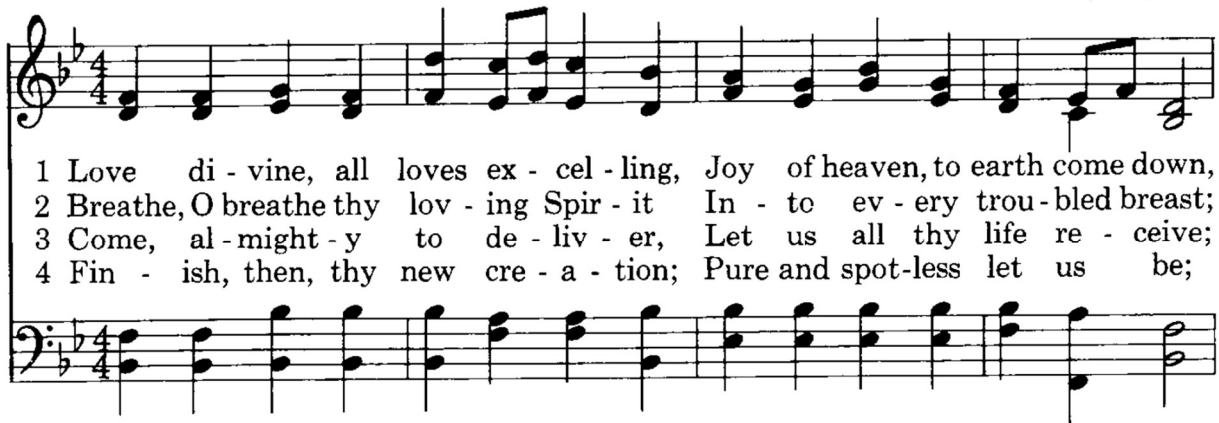
## Hymn

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

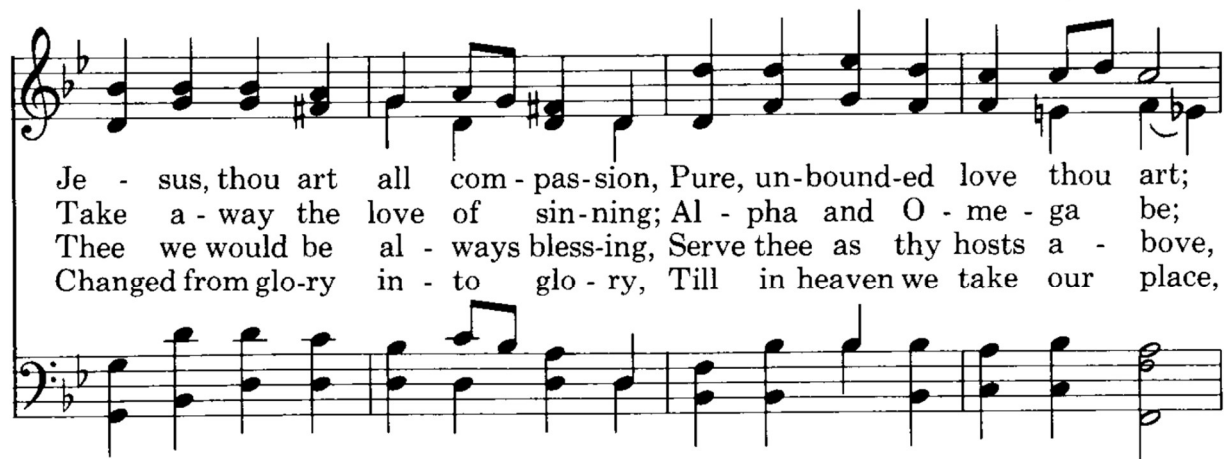
John Zundel, 1815-1882



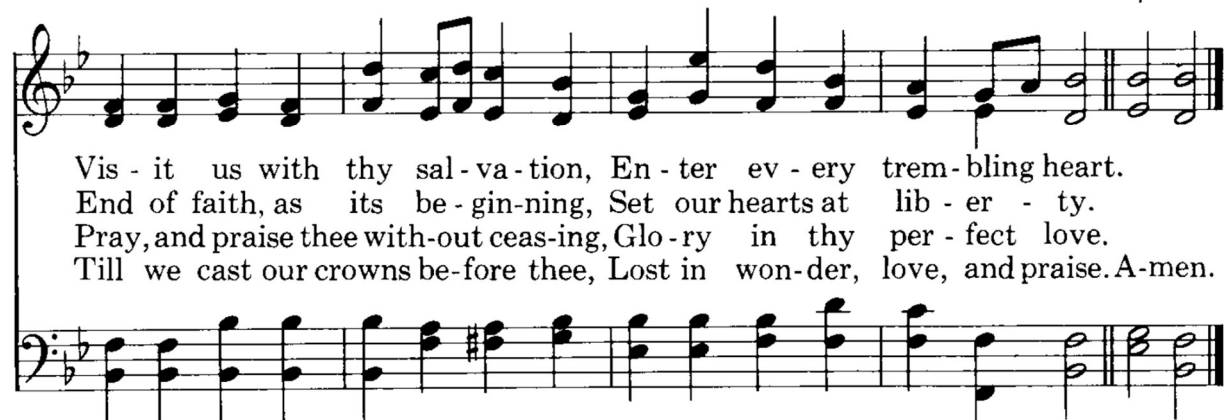
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot-less let us be;



Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;  
 Let us all in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;  
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 Pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.

# Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

## Offering & Dedication

## Benediction

## Benediction Response

### *Go in Peace*

K. E. White

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the

6 peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new

12 life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.