

# The United Church of Canada Bothwell-Wabash Pastoral Charge

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*Ministry of Music: Wabash & Bothwell – Sharon Stevens*

5th Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*\* Indicates stand as you are able*

Music Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible:

Silent Prayer:

Call To Worship:

Jesus is the true vine.

**We are the branches.**

Let us open our hearts & let God's Spirit guide us.

**God's word will cleanse us.**

Let God's commandment of love abide in us.

**Come, let us worship our God.**

*\* Hymn: "Come And Find The Quiet Centre" VU 374*

Opening Prayer:

Prayer of Confession and Renewal: (in unison)

**O Holy One, you are the vine grower and we are your branches. We confess there are things in our lives that need to be removed and let go of. Forgive us when we have been overcome by fear; when we have given in to hate; when we have hid from the truth and when we have refused to love our neighbours. Empower us to abide in you that we be bountiful and bear much fruit. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon:

*\* Hymn: "He Came Singing Love" VU 359*

Chorus: **Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
Walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life aborn-in,  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way. (MV 156)**

## THE WORD OF GOD

A New Creed:

Scripture: **Psalm 22 Part 3 & 4 VU 746**

1 John 4:7-21

John 15: 1-8

Sermon: *"The Vine Is Life-Giving"*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Tithes & Offering:

Please mail your tithes & offering to your church.  
See Faith In Action for addresses.

Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People: **Sing together:**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

*\* Hymn: "All Things Bright And Beautiful" VU 291*

*\* Commissioning and Benediction:*

*\* Choral Closing:*

**"Joy be in thy heart. Peace be in thy spirit.  
Compassion be thy journey. Love be in thee.  
Joy be in my heart. Peace be in my spirit.  
Compassion be my journey. Love be in me."**

*\* Passing the Peace: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.*

Music Postlude: