

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

“Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Hallelujah!  
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This coming Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. We will be diving into one of the richest images of gardening in all the scriptures: Jesus’ declaration that he is the vine and we the branches. We will explore this image deeply as we continue to gather together the spiritual tools we need to be agents of new life in God’s garden. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to spend some time looking at a viny plant. If you don’t have one yourself, take a look online at some grapevines. Consider the mechanisms of their growth. Reflect on how those mechanisms might reflect our relationship with Christ.



We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9\\_YWEusCQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select “Live” videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *John*:

*“Jesus said, ‘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.’”*

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem