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We Gather Together and Praise God

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Think about this . . .	The Last Supper with Jesus continues as our series comes to its third week. Jesus' last commandments, and the fruit we must bear, all point to the same thing–love. But the kind of abiding love Jesus commands is not possible without The Vine. As they drink wine over their Last Meal together, Jesus turns to a vineyard metaphor to draw them more closely together. "I am the vine, and you are the branches," he says. We cannot love fully without accepting that we *are* loved, that we are nurtured, by the Source. And we cannot love fully without pruning those things that create barriers to relationship, with God and with each other. Connection brings joy.
Call to Worship (responsive)	Pastor: We come to the table to share the abundance in our lives. **All: We are nurtured by God's love, the Source of our joy.** Pastor: Jesus shared his mercy and compassion like a never-ending stream. **All: He invites us to keep that flow alive.** Pastor: The toxic boot-strapping individualism of our modern life needs pruning, **All: so that we can build up our communities, together…** Pastor: As neighbors, **All: As neighbors.** Pastor: Not others. **All: Not others.**
Music	Let There Be Peace on Earth; UMH # 431
Opening Prayer (unison)	**Forgive us when we believe the false idea that there isn't enough to go around. Help us to embrace that the Vine provides all we need if we will only stay connected, stay green, stay alive with hope. Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do, help us to share-not grip tightly, help us to serve-not judge, help us to reach out-not pull back, help us to risk reciprocal relationship so that our love produces a bounty of fruit that feeds all. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word!

First Reading	John 15:1-5; 9-11
Sermon Series	*Love One Another. Replacing othering with neigboring!*
Children's Message	
Today's Sermon	*Abide in Love!*

We Respond to God's Word

Music	Blest Be the Tie That Binds; UMH # 557
Morning Prayer	
Prayer Requests	
The Lord's Prayer	
Invitation to the Offering	In our effort to know Christ, we realize how much God has given to us. May we offer a portion of our gifts to God in thanksgiving and praise for all we have been given.
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95
Offering Prayer	

Going Forth to Serve God

Music Freely, Freely; UMH # 389

Benediction

Postlude



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