



May 2, 2021

## Prelude

Abide with Me, *Inst.*

## Gathering Words

Michelle Anderson

Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

Love is from God.

We are called to live in God's love.

Love is from God.

When we live in God's love, our love overflows.

Love is from God.

Let us worship together in love.

## Opening Song

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

## Welcome

Pastor Chris

*Be sure to let us know you joined us in worship by registering your attendance online. We invite you to mail or drop off your offering to the church office or use online giving available at [eastportumc.org/give](http://eastportumc.org/give)*

## Community Highlights

### Sharing Christ's Peace

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Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection we have peace with God and with one another. Let us now offer one another signs of Christ's peace with those in our household or by texting/emailing someone in your life. May Christ's peace be with you this day.

## Song

Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord,  
Be glorified today.

In your world, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord,  
Be glorified today.

## Word

John 15:1-8

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‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Chris Broadwell, Pastor

### Our Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Affirmation of Faith

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In defiance of corruption and falsehood,  
we commit to truth and integrity  
and we pray for honesty and uprightness  
to increase in our world.

In defiance of apathy and hatred,  
we choose to be proactive in love  
and we pray for understanding and peace  
to increase in our world.

In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,  
we embrace the mystery of faith  
and we pray for humility and wonder

to increase in our world.

In defiance of self interest and human arrogance,  
we celebrate God's salvation,  
and we pray for compassion and faith  
to increase in our world.

In defiance of all that would oppose God's  
purpose among us,  
we choose again to follow Christ,  
and we continue to pray,  
not just now, but at all times. Amen.

*The United Methodist Worship & Song Hymnal, Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN.*

## Song

## The Summons

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you  
and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you  
and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you  
and you in me.

## Benediction + Sending

God's love is at work right now in your life.  
Christ walks with you even now as you show love to all.  
The wind of the Spirit is blowing you out the door on the wings of love.  
In God's love, with Christ's love, by the Spirit's love,  
go to be love in the world.

## Postlude

### Please pray and care for the following:

Those unable to join us on a regular basis: Betty Storton, Anita Andrews,  
Ernie Mutschler, Donna Nuckles, Barbara Hiller

*Submit prayer requests by calling or emailing the church office or by using the online check-in form. Each request remains for a month unless submitted again.*

Robert Gibbons facing some medical issues.

For Emily Jelassi's continued recovery from brain surgery.

Jeff Schultz, and his family, as he undergoes cancer treatment (including surgery).

Charlotte Kern's grand-nephew, Anthony, is going under heart surgery soon.

For both Sisters, Pat and Adrienne, and Family of Bonnie White.

Sally Malamphy, recovering well from surgery on April 6.

Janice Wolod, a friend of Myrna Dobbs and Sally Malamphy, is having serious health concerns.

For the Finkle family on the passing of Raymond “Buddy” Finkle.

Dawn Moyer welcomes a new grandchild Ethan William Argy. Lauren (Mother) is doing well.

Lisa Vernon, a friend of Mike Keller, a recent cancer diagnosis.

Lea Gilmour and family. Lea's husband, Rev. David Gilmour, died of Covid last week, friends of the Bergsman/Devaris family.

Denseco family. John has cancer. His kids are Valerie Devaris' students.

Tyler, Lavenia Calvin's cousin.

Friends and family of John Starr.

Mike Mullins preparing for hip surgery in June.

Family and friends of Hailey are happy to report she is improving well from brain and heart surgery.

For the recovery of Robert Marianetti, hospitalized with covid-related pneumonia and on a ventilator.

For Mark Stevens' continued good health and Susan's strong will as healthcare advocate.

#### **April Birthdays**

		Apr 14	Tom Schwallenberg
Apr 2	Butch Stevens	Apr 19	Scott Hughes
	Joe Nasatka	Apr 20	Susan Schneider
Apr 3	Ricardo Vasquez	Apr 26	Liam Smith
Apr 5	Bill Schneider		Traci DuPlayee
Apr 6	David M. Owen	Apr 27	Jim Finkle
Apr 7	Jason Wilcox	Apr 29	Evie Swink
			Guy Goddard

Jim Bradford

Apr 9 Carole McNew

Apr 12 Sophia Hughes

Jessie Keller

#### **April Anniversaries**

Apr 5 Linda & Hillard Harrison

Apr 7 Mary Jane & Jim Finkle

Apr 16 Lindsey & David M. Owen

Apr 23 Kathy & Steve Duckett

#### **Announcements:**

Exciting news! We'll begin gathering in-person and indoors in the Sanctuary for worship on May 23. Masks and social distancing protocols will be in place. Please join us as you are comfortable.

**Listen by phone!** You can listen to the church service by calling 1-410-233-3163 any time.

**Zoom Coffee Hour** at 11am following this Sunday's service, here's the link for this time of fellowship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105655451?pwd=TEtRNWVrc1Qzek92d3VtdGRFbElxUT09>

We welcome our new Administrative Assistant and Community Coordinator, Della Sztuk. You can find Della in our office on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 to 3:00.