

## Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the land,  
Giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**REPEAT**

## The Vine and the Branches

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

**5** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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**Interim Pastors:**

**Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo**

**Worship Assistant: Anna Mae Poole**

**Greeter: Wanda Embrey**



***Nursery is provided on the second floor for children during worship (ages infant to age 4). Top of the stairs – turn right – last room on the right. Attendant – Jessica Dixon.***

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Elwood Hipkins

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Linda

**INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION** Bless This House Linda Spohn

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

People: **We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

People: **We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

People: **We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**ALL: *May we grow strong as God tends us lovingly.***

**\*HYMN** Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah #50

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Gary and Adam White

***Children are now dismissed for Children Church Worship in the fellowship hall with Jan Stitley.***

**OFFERING**

**Call to Give:** Heavenly Father, in this season of Thanksgiving, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. ... Let us always be aware that all gifts come from You, and may we serve Your heavenly will in everything we do. Amen.

Offertory Praise Be to God Linda Spohn

Praise be to God, praise be to God,  
for the greenness of the trees, for the beauty of the flowers,  
for the blueness of the sky, for the greatness of the sea.  
Praise be to God, Praise be to God, now and forever more.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God,  
for the gift of friends in Christ, for the church, our house of faith,  
for gift of wondrous love, for the gift of endless grace.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, now and forever more.

\*Doxology

**Offertory Prayer:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Spirit of Life back of bulletin

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** John 15:1-8 back of bulletin

**MESSAGE** Pastor Linda

**\*HYMN** Thou True Vine, That Heals #373

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION** Pastor Linda

**\*POSTLUDE** Elwood Hipkins

**Fall Council** packets are on the program table.  
Fall Council will be held after worship **TODAY.**