

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 2, 2021**

10:50 AM



*Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers.*

*\* Those who are able please stand*

**Gathering in God's Name**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is the True Vine, And we are the branches.

**People: Connected to God; Connected to bear fruit!**

Leader: Connected to God; Or we wither away.

**People: Connected to God; Or useless!**

**ALL: We have come to worship God, who is the True Vine. God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!**

**HYMN**

*"We Know That Christ is Raised"*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in one. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

## Preparing for the Word

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we are deceived and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sin, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

### CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

**Thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true vine. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him, to be branches on a vine which bears fruit. Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live. Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigor of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for being content, and sometimes even proud of, a few sparse or undersized fruits, for the apathy which lets us go through some seasons without bearing any fruit. Have mercy on us. Please do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true vine. Rather heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy. For your Name's sake. Amen!**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you." Friends, we have asked for forgiveness and correction. It has been truly done for us. It is being done for us. And it will be done for us.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing the Word

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. May we listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Through Christ the Holy One. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

#### Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,  
And thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 15:1-9

Red Pew Bible NT 109

**HYMN OF REFLECTION**

*"I'll Never Let Go of Your Hand"*

Pastor Kevin

I know what you've been hearing  
I've seen you hide your fear  
Embarrassed by your weaknesses  
Afraid to let Me near

I wish you knew how much I long  
For you to understand  
No matter what may happen, child  
I'll never let go of your hand

I know you've been forsaken  
By all you've known before  
When you've failed their expectations  
They frown and close the door

But even though your heart itself  
Should lose the will to stand  
No matter what may happen, child  
I'll never let go of your hand

The life that I have given you  
No one can take away  
I've sealed it with My Spirit, blood, and word  
The everlasting Father has made His covenant with you  
And He's stronger than the world you've seen and heard

So don't you fear to show them  
All the love I have for you  
I'll be with you everywhere  
In everything you do

And even if you do it wrong  
And miss the joy I planned  
I'll never, never let go of your hand

**SERMON**

***"Jesus is DiVine"***  
*"I am the true vine...." -John 15:1*

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

## Responding to the Word

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

(*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**The Invitation**

**Sharing of Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Serving of the Elements**

**Prayer After Receiving**

### **A TIME OF GIVING**

*Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at [www.springbranchpres.org/give](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).*

## Departing to Serve

### **HYMN**

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**Leader:** Go now, and love one another, because love is from God. Proclaim God's salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

**People:** **May God the vine grower tend us and make us fruitful; May Christ Jesus abide in us and give us life;**

Leader: May the love of God our Keeper surround you.  
May the tending of Christ encourage you.  
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

## POSTLUDE

*Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.*

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## Announcements & Events

**You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin.** The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

**There will be a very brief Called Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship on Sunday, May 9th.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2021 Nominating Committee. A Zoom link will be published for those attending Worship virtually. The YouTube Live Stream will conclude prior to the meeting beginning.

**From the Congregation Team:** The City of Houston Health Department will come to the home to vaccinate shut-ins, or those over the age of 90. Contact the vaccine hotline at 832-393-4220 to schedule an appointment.

**Thank you to all that participated in the PCHAS Virtual Fundraiser Luncheon on April 15th!** If anyone was unable to attend the PCHAS event, it was recorded. Here is the link to it >> <https://youtu.be/II8N8PrWFTo>. Giving information is included at the end of the video.

### May 2 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)  
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:50 am Worship

### May 3 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

### May 4 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)

### May 5 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (Zoom)  
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (Zoom)

### May 6 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)

### May 9 — Sunday

#### *Mother's Day*

9:30 am Explorers (FH)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)  
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:50 am Worship  
12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting

### May 10 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting  
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

### May 11 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)

### May 12 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (Sarah Dikeman's House)

### May 13 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (GP)



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## Who's Who:

Minister:	All Members of the Church
Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd
Administrator:	Jorida Vakiari
Ministries Coordinator:	C. Miguel Carlin
Administrative Assistant:	Ethan Mitchell
Music Director:	Gabriel Perez
Accompanist:	Chip Colvin
AV Director:	Ethan Mitchell
Academy Director:	Renee Henry

## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader:	Web Trevathan
Congregation Leader:	Kay Craig
Faith Development:	Denise Wilborn
Mission Leader:	Steve Blair
Worship Leader:	Megan Hogg
Treasurer:	Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2021

Kay Craig  
Margaret Ford  
Lisa Merritt  
Christopher Powell

## Class of 2022

Steve Blair  
Ethan Mitchell  
Web Trevathan  
Denise Wilborn

## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
Megan Hogg  
Elizabeth Powell  
Lu Taylor

## Academy Board

Elizabeth Earnest  
Stephanie Premer

Anne Johnson  
Denise Wilborn

Neal Dikeman  
Sarah Dikeman

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts

**Time For Young Disciples:** Patti Nanney

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

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