

**Anthon Community Methodist Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**  
**May 18, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song      "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"      UMH #383**

**Call to Worship      Liturgist: Tim Hoy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**P:** May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly. AMEN.

**Opening Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, thank You for Christ Jesus the true and living Vine. Thank You that You have called me to be a branch on that living Vine. Thank You that by grace through faith in Him, I have heard the gospel of grace and have been saved by the cleansing power of Your Word. I pray that I may grow in grace, day by day, and live and work to Your praise and glory. I pray that I would continue to be cleansed with every passing day, as I abide in You and You in me. To Your praise and glory. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading      Romans 15:1-9

Second Reading      Psalm 80: 4-15

Children's Story      JoLynne

**Hymn of Preparation**

**"Grace Alone"**

**TFWS #2162**

Gospel Lesson

John 15: 1-16

Today's Message

"The True Vine "

Shirley

**God Calls Us to Respond**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

\*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

**All: Lord, we dedicate these offerings to you. Use them according to your will, and help us to give with pure hearts knowing that everything we have is a gift from you. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn**

**"Freely, Freely"**

**UMH #389**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Tim Hoy

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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**IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:**

**OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis,**

**Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis,**

**Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins,**

**Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer,**

**Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell,**

**Roger Nelson, Jen Kerns, Mark Nelson, Sally Schram, Steve Wilson,**

**Sheryl K Ashley, Finley Petersen, daughter of Tanner and Jenna Petersen, &**

**Ivy Petersen, daughter of Turner and Becca Petersen.**

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Birthday Reminder:** Mary Alice Drossel will be celebrating her 100th birthday on June 7th. Her address is 6901 Peckham St. Unit 315, Johnston, Iowa 50131

**May 25:** Memorial Day Sunday

**May 26:** Memorial Day Cemetery Services

**June 1:** Ascension Sunday

**June 8:** Pentecost Sunday

**June 15:** Father's Day – Donuts for Dads

**May Readers:** May 25-Sue Wilson.

**May Children's Story:** May 25-Roger Haldik.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Dillion Johnson (18), Lucy Maynard (19), Ron Steinhoff (20), Barb Wood (21), Doug & Erin Baird (22).

May/June Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Anthon Military:** To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

**If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.**

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