



*Loving God,
Loving Others*

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Hardy

February 10, 2019
Sermon Series: I Am
Worship 11:00

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

"But who do you say I am?" – Jesus, Matthew 16:15

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***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, and 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, and Sustainer.

People: May we grow abundantly as God tends to us in His love.

***Praise Song**

"In Christ Alone"

Mercy Me

***Opening Prayer**

Wondrous Vine, you make all things new in your Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the garden of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

† Coins for Kids

Pastor Chris

A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns

***Hymn** "There's a Spirit in the Air" #192

Reading of Holy Scripture John 15:1-8 (NLT)

Message "The Vine" Pastor Chris

***Passing of the Peace**

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" #438

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.

***"I am the vine;
you are the branches."***

- Jesus

The bulletins today are sponsored by Maureen Brown
in loving memory of husband, Frank,
who would have been 80 years old Feb. 11.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

It is our pleasure that you have shared this experience with us.

If you are without a church home, we would be delighted to have you as a part of our Church family. Pastor Chris would be happy to speak with you. God bless you and please come again.

Additional parking is available at Merchants Bank, 303 Penn. Ave.,
on Sundays and non-banking hours.

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Kelly Rak

Sunday School: Kim Lakey

Organist: Karen Skorochod

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Annette DiGiacamo

Sunday School: Melinda Hunt

Lay Leader: Cheryl Hower