

Lesson: John 15:1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my

love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Sunday Worship Service Preview May 16, 2021/ Confirmation Sunday
Rev. William S. Trump
Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician
Brett Hanisko, Soloist

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Founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, the Congregational Home, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.
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Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God,
to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith,
to reach out with compassion to those in need,
to treat each other with love and understanding,
and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE & IN-PERSON
May 9, 2021 ~ 10:00 am/ Mother's Day

To access the service online
go to firstchurchtosa.org - home page.
Under **Worship** heading, click on **May 9th Service**.

WELCOME

Rev. William S. Trump

THE PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth setting by Clay Christiansen
Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Read responsively)

Leader: The Lord has created us in His own image.
People: We will love the Lord with all our hearts.
Leader: The Lord has redeemed us through His son.
People: We will love the Lord with all our souls.
Leader: The Lord has promised that His Spirit will be with us always.
People: We will love the Lord with all our minds.

HYMN SOLO #48
(verses 1, 2, 3)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Anthony John Andronczyk, Soloist

BEECHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (To be read aloud together)

Eternal God, loving Creator, grant us so to love one another and You, above all else, that we may be found acceptable in Your sight. So fill our hearts with kindness, goodwill and compassion that we may rejoice in the success of others and sympathize with them in their sorrows. Forgive us when we have fallen short of Your expectation of us. Give us wisdom and the will to serve our generation faithfully, and to work unceasingly for the common good. Touch us now with Your presence and fill us with Your Spirit. Hear us as we pray together . . .

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

BAPTISMS

DINA WILONDJA	Parents: Mauwa Mlebinge and Wilondja Kongolo
YVONNE AMANDA	Parents: Rusi Salome and Amanda S. Alembe
REHEMA MWENEBATU	Parents: Yvette Riziki Kakozi and Mwenebatu
RUTHU MWENEBATU	Parents: Yvette Riziki Kakozi and Mwenebatu

CHILDREN'S STORY Tonia Wallner

Children age 3 through those entering 6th grade are invited to One Room Sunday School.

THE LESSON (See insert) John 15:1-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

<i>A Home of Grace</i>	arr. by Joseph M. Martin
Anthony John Adronczyk, Soloist	

THE MESSAGE "Friends" Rev. Trump

SPECIAL MUSIC (See insert) *The Gift of Love* by Hal Hopson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

HYMN SOLO #259	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	DIX
(verses 1, 4, 5)		

INSTRUMENTAL BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	setting by Joel Raney
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This morning's Chancel Flowers are given by the York family in memory of our mothers and in honor of all mothers and grandmothers.

CARING CORNER
As of May 6, 2021

Congratulations!
Tom and Carolyn Simpson as they celebrate the April 26th birth of granddaughter Josephine Marie Simpson, daughter of Scott & Ali Simpson and great granddaughter of Marilyn Rennebohm.

The entire Sgarlata family as they celebrate
the adoption of Raphael “Raphie” Avila Sgarlata on Thursday, May 6th.

In Our Prayers
Charlie Wakefield, who sustained a back injury in an accident and is recovering at home.
Gene Halvorson, who is now convalescing at home with son, Joel, and daughter-in-law, Lorene.

The memorial service for Dick Clark, who passed away December 10, 2020, is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, at 1:00 pm in the Nave.

The memorial service for Sandy Wilch, who passed away June 10, 2020, is scheduled for Thursday, May 27. Visitation is from 12 noon until 1:00 pm, and the memorial service is at 1:00 pm in the Nave.

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts on liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth,
over and around us lies.
Lord of all to You we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to You we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Your church that evermore
lifts its holy hands above,
off'ring up on ev'ry shore
its pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to You we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
Amen.

SOLO: *A Home of Grace*
TEXT: Joseph M. Martin

O, thank You, Lord, for family,
how precious your design.
That through the gift of parents
we know Your love divine.
They lead us and they teach us,
they help us find our place.
And working all together,
we build a home of grace.

O, thank You, Lord, for family,
no two of them the same.
For all who care for children
though never share their name.
O, teach us, Lord, compassion
and help us grow our faith,
'til every home is cherished
and built up on Your grace.

O, thank You, Lord, for family.
This is our earnest prayer
for mothers and for fathers,
for the hearts of all who care.
And though sometimes imperfect,
and though we lose our way,
today we pledge and promise
to build a home of grace.
Build a home of grace.

SOLO: *The Gift of Love*
TEXT: Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain,
as sending brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed.
Amen.