

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 2, 2021*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

HYMN

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

\*CALL TO CELEBRATION

God of Interconnection, abide in our sacred space today.

***You have opened yourself to intimacy with all of your creation.***

You carefully prune excessive and unnecessary weight.

***Pruned branches guarantees harvest.***

Pruned branches are close to the Vine.

***Everything that is close to you receives tender and sturdy care.***

Your touch insures our growth.

***We are in the Vine. The Vine is within us.***

***Amen***

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SONG OF PRAISE

***Abide With Me***

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY INVITATION

***God, you have chosen us to yield a harvest. You carefully craft the skills we need to produce again and again. When the weight of fruit overwhelm our vessel, remind us to reconnect to the Vine that is close for saturation and maturation. Amen***

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8 NIV

GOOD NEWS

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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*Scripture and Announcements*



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Welcome to Windermere Union Church.

We're Glad You're Here!

Please fill out a visitor's card and let us help you get connected.  
If you have a question about a ministry or event, we are here to help!  
Contact the church office at 407-876-2112.

## John 15:1-8 NIV

### 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[a] 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.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Snow	May 1	Katie Kieper	May 13
Melissa Bruehl	May 1	Roger Neaman	May 16
Brandon Minnick	May 1	Naketrice Snow	May 17
Sara Drumm	May 2	Kavi Patel	May 18
Phyllis Berry	May 2	Christian Larenas	May 21
Kristin Brewer	May 5	Elma Ault	May 26
Jacob Warner	May 6	Tyler Drumm	May 26
Tessa Kurlin	May 7	Ron Wilensky	May 28
Sharon Kieper	May 8	Harry Mancina	May 28
Deborah Heisinger	May 9	Kim Patel	May 30

## Announcements

**Church Announcements** - If your ministry has an announcement to share with the congregation, please send your announcements to our office manager by 5 pm on Wednesday.

**In Person Service** – We will begin indoor in person service on May 9th in the Windermere Union Church Sanctuary on May 9th. More details will be sent out on May 4th.

**Inspirational Wednesdays** - Wednesday at Noon with LaTrell. This is a weekly online class via Zoom. It is a combination of conversation and a brief overview and context sharing about the subject from the facilitator. It is Bible-study-ish.

**Wednesday Painting and Crafting** - Will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am outdoors at the home at Connie L. Feel free to bring any project you are working on painting, crocheting, sewing, and drawing. For more details please contact Marta K. at [kjmw02@gmail.com](mailto:kjmw02@gmail.com).

**Windermere University Welcomes New Facilitators** - If you are interested in facilitating a course this year, there are available spots for the Spring, Summer and Fall. Contact LaTrell at [RevLaTrell@gmail.com](mailto:RevLaTrell@gmail.com) for more details.

**Windermere University Presents** - Windermere University Presents - What Is Your Why? This series is on Wednesday evenings, with the last session on May 19 @ 7pm The “Why” is that source that keeps us moving forward despite challenges. In this series parishioners from our congregation will share their stories of inspiration and motivation on their journey to thriving after experiencing the unexpected. We are more than what we do. Our why fuels our passion no matter the circumstances. Our next presenter, on May 5th is Walter Monroe and on May 12th is Charles Davis.

**Virtual High School Conversations** - Each Sunday at 9am, high school students meet with LaTrell and adult volunteers via Zoom to discuss topics of interest. If you are in high school and would like to join the conversation, contact LaTrell Harrison.

**Virtual Middle School Conversations** - Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., middle schoolers meet with LaTrell via Zoom for conversations about the Bible, activities, and fellowship.



### **CONCERNS**

LaTrell - Prayers for the family of Ja'Net Overton-Sligh. Ja'Net passed away Sunday evening.

Sarah L.- Prayers for her niece who has been diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Chet E- Remember Ed C. in prayers

Bob M - Prayers for his sister-in-law.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

Marco L. - Malena was selected by her music teacher to sing for Orange County Public School all county chorus .



## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.



## Abide With Me

I have a home Eternal home  
But for now I walk this broken world  
You walked it first You know our pain  
But You show hope can rise again up from the grave

Abide with me Abide with me  
Don't let me fall And don't let go  
Walk with me And never leave  
Ever close God abide with me

There in the night Gethsemane  
Before the cross Before the nails  
I'm overwhelmed Alone, You prayed  
You met us in our suffering and bore our shame

Abide with me Abide with me  
Don't let me fall And don't let go  
Walk with me And never leave  
Ever close God abide with me

Oh, love that will not ever let me go  
Love that will not ever let me go  
You never let me go

Love that will not ever let me go And up ahead Eternity

We'll weep no more and sing for joy abide with me  
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