

I am the vine, you are the branches

JOHN 15:5





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Watchword for the Week: Jesus says, "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 abide in me"

John 15:4

Organ Prelude

Mr. Orlando Alonso

*** CALL TO WORSHIP & DAILY TEXT May 3, 2015–**

Rev. Nigel Powell

*** Introit**

Chancel Choir

*** Processional Hymn #529 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

***Liturgy for Music Sunday**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

MIT FREUDEN ZART (MBW Hymn 537)

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills,
and every grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and glory!

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

REJOICE 1511 (MBW Hymn 256)

Lord Jesus, you are worthy for all on earth to praise;
our hymns in glad thanksgiving in gratitude we raise,
for all you did on Calv'ry when suffering on the tree -
the world from sin's dominion most wondrously set free.

And I, unworthy sinner when kneeling at your feet,
can see that my redemption in you is now complete:
in faith I now would serve you through all my earthly days,
and then in heav'nly glory my hallelujahs raise.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

In whose holy name we pray. Amen.

COVENANT 185 A, (MBW Hymn 346)

Lamb of God, you shall remain forever
of our songs the only theme;
for your boundless love, your grace and favor,
we will praise your saving name;
that for our transgressions you were wounded
shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,
when we, perfected in love,
once shall join the church above.

Lord Jesus, you are worthy © Albert H. Frank. Used by permission.

***Greet each other and say, "The peace of God be with you."**

Welcome and Announcements

Bro. Oswald Steele

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 (tune 444) "With Your Presence, Lord"

***Hymn #91 (STTLANS) "God, Your Love Brought Forth Creation" (T#271 MBW)**

1. God, your love brought forth creation, raised from death the Crucified; now you're living with us, calling us to live like Christ who died. Lord, among us you are loving; may your love through us be done.

2. Made to live at one with others, we build human barriers high; we make labels to divide us; born to live, we choose to die. Yet, among us God is loving; may God's love through us be done.

3. Christ, who leveled walls and labels, wants a church that's barrier.- free, where all people are made welcome with a grace that all can see. We through grace are all God's people; may God's love through us be done.

4. Centuries old, God's church is living with a future that's unknown: threat and promise both before us, we are God's and not our own. God, you call us; make us faithful; may your love through us be done.

***Intercessory Prayer**

Prayer Warriors

#1st Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Sis. Eldra Drew

2nd Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Bro. Patrick Smith

***Choral Response #846 "Glory be to you, O Lord"**

***THE GOSPEL**

John 15:1-8

Sis. Hazel Hazel

***Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"**

Worship Through Song

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Hymn #673**

"Christian Hearts, in Love United"

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Sis. Meshelle Edwards

***Offertory Sentence**

For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.

(Psalms 50:10 NKJV)

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Lord, we give, mindful that all we have or hope to have comes from you; therefore

we pray that the portion we give today will be blessed by your Spirit for all time, and all that remains with us may be equally blessed. **AMEN.**

(E. Lee Phillips)

Hymn #662 "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"

***Ascription of Praise #819** "For the Life That You Have Given"

Communion for The Celebration of the Resurrection pg. 209

Additional Hymns #421, #405, #362 & #365

***Benediction**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Recessional Hymn #543** "Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord"

Organ Postlude

Mr. Orlando Alonso

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS May 3, 2015

- Join us for Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- We invite your prayers and financial support for our brothers and sisters in Nepal, following the earthquake near Kathmandu on April 25th. Our walk up offering on Sunday May 17th will go to help the Nepal people who are affected. Please come and give as generously as you can afford in the Name of Jesus.
- Today's Social Hour is being sponsored by the Men's Fellowship, marking their first tribute to Mother's Day.
- The form to place your nomination for the 2015 Mother of the Year is in the bulletin. Today is the last day to submit nominations.
- This year's UMC Mother's Day luncheon is a white and gold affair. Ticket prices are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children 12 & under. The gala will begin at 2:00 pm, and held in the Social Hall. See a YOU/YAC member for tickets. Mother's Day is next Sunday the 10th.
- Jamaica Nite will be held on Saturday, May 16th. Donations for this affair, starting at 4:00 pm, are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Please see Sis. Sonia Bernard, or any Jamaica Group member for tickets.

- On Sunday May 17th First Church will be the venue for this years Moravian Music Foundation's Rev Dr. George L. Lloyd Memorial concert. The event is free and starts 3:30 pm.
- On Sun. May 31st Faith Moravian Church will celebrate their 30th year in Christian Ministry. They invite the UMC congregation to join them for a special service at 3:00 pm . Flyers are on the rack with more information.
- Grace Moravian Church will celebrate at Antun's in Queens on June 12th to mark their 35 years of witness and work. Tickets are \$90, per person. Please retrieve a flyer for more information.
- All Nations Rally will be here before you know it. June 13th & 14th is right around the corner. Get ready!
- The Camp Hope Jamaica Association is hosting a boat ride on Sat. June 20th. Leaving from Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn, departure time is at 7:00 pm, returning at 11:00 pm. Donations for all is \$60. Please see Bro. Newell for tickets.
- Please submit your selections for the Eastern District Conference representative to the church office today. If individuals want to sign up, registration forms are available on the rack. Please let the secretary know of all who do so.
- Save the date. The UMC Annual Picnic will be Saturday, August 1st at FDR State Park in Westchester County.

MAY BIRTHDAYS	Elkema Percival	May 6 th	Trudy Steele	May 24 th
	Elaine Elvin	May 8 th	Paschall Simpson	May 28 th
	Davina Chambers	May 11 th	Kayden Simpson	May 29 th
	Nolerien Grenaway	May 17 th	Geralda Henry	May 30 th

**2015 COMING
EVENTS**

May 10 th	Mother's Day - Men's Fellowship
May 10 th	Mother's Day Luncheon
May 17 th	Infant Baptism - Pastor
May 24 th	Worship Service - Pastor
May 31 st	Worship Service - Pastor
	JUNE
June 7 th	Worship Service & Holy Communion - Pastor
June 13-14	All Nations Rally
June 14 th	Worship Service - Stewardship Cpmmittee
June 21 st	Father's Day - Moravian Women
June 28 th	Worship Service - Stewardship Cpmmittee
	JULY
July 5 th	Worship Service & Holy Communion - Pastor
July 12 th	Worship Service//John Hus Festival-Missions

LITURGY FOR MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY

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EDEN (597 B, hymn 774); or REJOICE (1511, hymn 256)

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United Moravian Church

Invites you to a

White & Gold Affair

Mother's Day Luncheon

Join us for an afternoon of sophistication, elegance and warmth.

She deserves it!

Sunday May 10, 2015 at 2:00pm

United Moravian Church

George L. Lloyd Hall

200 East 127th Street at Third Ave.

New York, NY 10035

212-722-2109

Tickets \$50 | \$25 (children)

- *Buy a table of 8 for a 5% discount*
 - Exquisite Cuisine
- Live Entertainment to keep you spiritually filled.
- Excellent Service without the wait!

For Tickets Contact: Claire Martin McKay

Olivette Simon

Gail Simon

| Oswald Steele

THE JAMAICA GROUP OF UNITED PRESENTS ITS
ANNUAL JAMAICA NITE
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

A GREAT NIGHT FOR ALL

TIME: 4.00 PM

FOOD

MUSIC



ENTERTAINMENT

FEATURING

YVONNE PURAN - GOSPEL COMMEDIENNE
"THE CHIMMY LADY"

DONATIONS

ADULTS: \$30

CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$15

FOR TICKETS CONTACT

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REV. NIGEL POWELL—PASTOR



Moravian Music FOUNDATION

The Twelfth Annual

Rev. Dr. George L. Lloyd Memorial Concert

featuring

First Moravian Choir

Elaine Comparone, *director, organist & pianist*

Busisiwe Zamisa, soprano



Sunday, May 17, 2015, 3:30 pm
First Moravian Church
154 Lexington Ave., New York, NY

Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

*The offering is designated for
the **George L. Lloyd Memorial Concert Fund**
of the Moravian Music Foundation*

For more information about this concert and about Moravian music,
call (610) 866-3340 or (336) 725-0651, or visit moravianmusic.org

ALL NATIONS RALLY

Saturday June 13, 2015

REPRESENT

**Your island pride
Culinary skills
Dancing abilities
Overall talents**



**Do not miss out on a day of
great foods,
drinks & chatter.**

**12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
RAIN OR SHINE**

Faith Moravian Church invites the UMC congregation to join them in celebrating their 30 years of Christian Ministry.

Two Celebrations

The Faith Moravian Fellowship Hall
Gospel Concert on Sat., May 30th
6:00 pm \$25/\$10

Faith Moravian Church
Service Celebration
Sun. May 31st
3:00 pm



**GRACE
MORAVIAN
CHURCH**

**FAITH
MORAVIAN CHURCH**

Flyers with more information are on the rack.

The Grace Moravian Church congregation is celebrating 35 years of witness and work in Springfield Gardens.

Awards Banquet at Antun's
Queens Village,
NY.

June 12, 2015
Tickets \$90



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Upcoming Events & Trips

June 13 & 14 , 2015

All Nations Rally

REPRESENT !



June 25 - 28 , 2015

Moravian Women's Conference

Conference in Maryland



July 23 -25, 2015

Moravian Church

Eastern District Conference



August 1, 2015

United Moravian Church

Annual Picnic

FDR State Park– Yorktown Heights, NY



October 4 - 10, 2015

The Antigua & Barbuda Group

Orlando Florida adventure



**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Vernice Abel
Sis. Madiana Baptiste
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Anna Bishop
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis: Ludwina George
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Catherine Knowles
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Gloria Malcolm
Sis. Ishma Marsh
Sis. Bernice McLean
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Sis. Fatisha Stevens
Sis. Winifred Thomas
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.”

In Maryland we have a wild vine that resembles wisteria and another that resembles English ivy. The ivy winds up tree branches, attaches to brick walls, and meanders along the ground. It's similar to the ivy I have carefully cultivated over the years as houseplants, but here it grows in all sorts of weather without my assistance.

The wisteria is similar. It winds up tree branches and fences, going where it pleases. Once a year it blooms beautiful pale purple flowers. They smell heavenly. The flowers last only a week or two. I'm always delighted to see them tenaciously blooming in vacant places, in wild places, in spaces not used for gardening.

These are the kinds of vines I admire—the kind that bloom despite hardship and difficulty, the kind that have been cut back and redirected and burst forth even more beautifully.

I prune the vines in my care, and I'm certain it hurts me more than them. Cutting off and disposing of the wayward vine segments is not a chore I like. I'd rather twist and tuck them into place, but trimming is necessary for healthy growth.

I'm pleased to be a part of the vine that is Christ: growing, reaching into new places, and, yes, even being trimmed. Christ is a vine that grows into uncharted places, wild places, and lonely places. Sometimes I think it would be nice to grow only in wealthy places, peaceful places, and ordered places. Christ isn't like that. He sends us where we are most needed, regardless of order, or wealth, or the other things that make us feel comfortable and secure. This is because he is our security; he is the one who fosters growth.

Let us abide, trustingly, in his vine.

*Tammie Rinker, pastor, Trinity Moravian Church,
New Carrollton, Maryland*

The Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015

