

Lighthouse Worship

The Vine & the Branches – Pastor Jon Donohue
Sunday, June 21, 2020



- **Opening Prayer**

Lighthouse Worship is holy ground. This is a time and place to meet with the Lord, listen, receive, and grow. Don't allow this to be routine. Ask the Lord to speak to you. Ask Him to move in you. Worship Him from your heart and receive all He has for you today. Take a moment to focus on these things and welcome Him into your presence.

- **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 51:1-13 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner-- yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me-- now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.

- **Responsive Worship**

With a heart like David in Psalm 51, take some quiet time to confess and repent of any wrongdoing the Lord brings to mind. Allow His forgiveness and healing to touch your heart.

- **Meditative Worship** (Recommended: Use computer or cast to a TV):

Cornerstone (Hillsong Worship): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI>

- **Scripture Reading**

Galatians 2:20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 John 1:8-9 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- **Poem: Only a Branch by Freda Hanbury**

"I am the vine, ye are the branches."--John 15:5

Tis only a little Branch,
A thing so fragile and weak,
But that little Branch hath a message true
To give, could it only speak.

I'm only a little Branch,
I live by a life not mine,
For the sap that flows through my tendrils small
Is the life-blood of the Vine.

No power indeed have I
The fruit of myself to bear,
But since I'm part of the living Vine,
Its fruitfulness I share.

Dost thou ask how I abide?
How this life I can maintain?--
I am bound to the Vine by life's strong band,
And I only need remain.

Where first my life was given,
In the spot where I am set,
Upborne and upheld as the days go by,
By the stem which bears me yet.

I fear not the days to come,
I dwell not upon the past,
As moment by moment I draw a life,
Which for evermore shall last.

I bask in the sun's bright beams,
Which with sweetness fills my fruit,
Yet I own not the clusters hanging there,
For they all come from the root.

A life which is not my own,
But another's life in me:
This, this is the message the Branch would speak,
A message to thee and me.

Oh, struggle not to "abide,"
Nor labor to "bring forth fruit,"
But let Jesus unite thee to Himself,
As the Vine Branch to the root.

So simple, so deep, so strong
That union with Him shall be:
His life shall forever replace thine own,
And His love shall flow through thee.

For His Spirit's fruit is love,
And love shall thy life become,
And for evermore on His heart of love
Thy spirit shall have her home.

- **Worship Through Song**

Abide With Me (Matt Maher): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GluC9-4aB7Q>

- **Lighthouse Message**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the true vine? How does that impact how you live?
2. In John 15, Jesus lays out a sort of roadmap to a joy-filled life. What most stands out to you about this, and why?
3. How is Holy Spirit calling you to live differently in light of this message and discussion?

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another, that you may individually and collectively abide in Christ, bearing good fruit. Also pray for Holy Spirit to move in power in our nation, community, and church. May revival and salvation of souls be the result.

- **Worship Through Song**

New Wine (Hillsong Worship): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbJaM_EneMw

REMINDERS:

- **Special Wedding Invitation!**

Nathaniel Smith and his fiancé Mary Martha Skinner will be wed on Friday, July 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM at ABC. They would like to invite you to this simple yet special celebration of two lives becoming one.

- **Virtual Foyer**

Joining time 11:30-11:45 AM; visitors stay until they are done.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/114344692?pwd=VXJubnNra3UybGNWaWcud0FiWmg3Zz09>

- **Giving & Special Offering**

Community Pregnancy Center has been hit hard with financial challenges due to the COVID-19 shutdowns. ABC is taking a special offering on Sunday (Father's Day) to support their ministry.

Designate "CPC" for donations. Giving options available here: <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>

- **ABC Updates:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/updates>