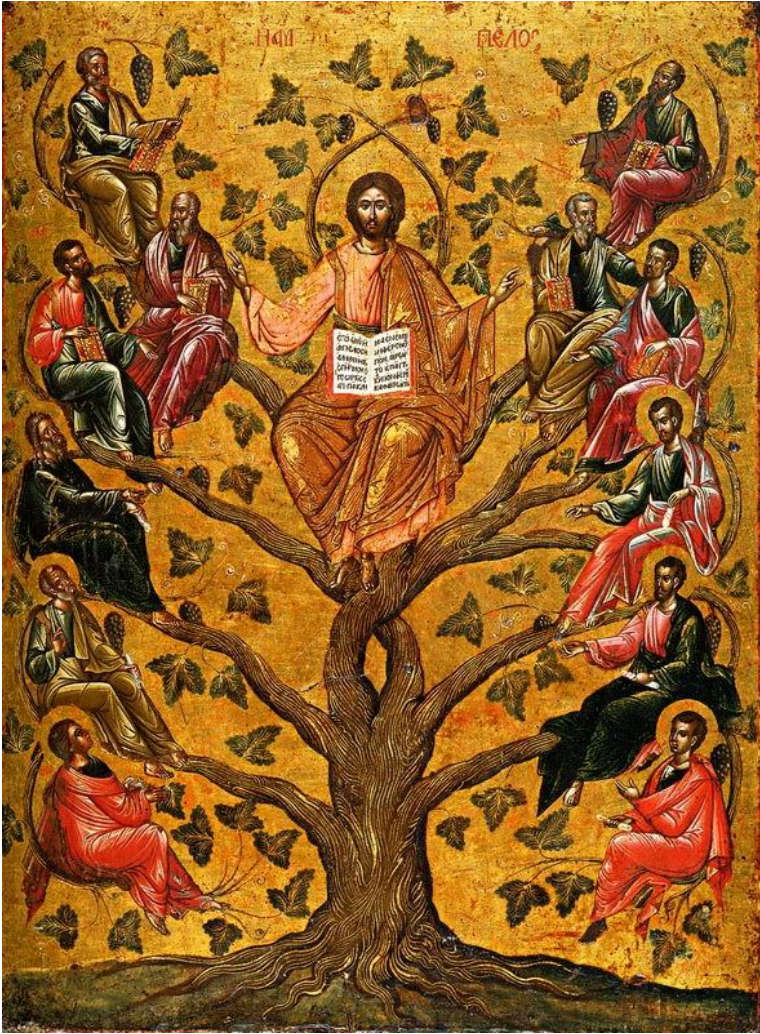


# *I am...the Vine*



Eastern Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ as the True Vine, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the [Vanderbilt](#) Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. [Original source](#)

April 28, 2024

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** VT 863

**Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
(VT 364)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Children's Feature**

**Hymn** *God, Whose Giving (VT 745)*

**Dedication of the Offering**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 11:1-9

**Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
(VT 638)*

**Scripture Reading** John 15:1-11

**Sermon** "The Vine + the Branches = Many Fruits"

**Hymn of Response** *What a Fellowship/Leaning on the  
Everlasting Arms (VT 160)*

**Announcements**

**Benediction** VT 1054

**Hymn** *My Hope Is Built (VT 621)*

**Postlude**

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**We affirm** that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty #1 land and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

**Imitating** the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we invite you to make Bethel your spiritual home. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.

## Worship Focus

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Our post-Easter worship explores a number of the "I am..." statements that Jesus uses to describe himself in the gospel of John. Who is the resurrected Christ? These profound images and metaphors offer much to feed our spiritual imaginations as we seek to live in the light of an empty tomb. This week we explore the image of vines and branches, as we abide in Christ and he in us. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."



Today...

April 28, 2024

- **Sun (Apr 28) | Worship**, 10:00 am, Valerie Alipova preaching
- **Potluck meal**, 11:15 am

## ... and beyond

- **Mon (Apr 29) | Harvest Manitoba**, 4:00 pm
- **Tues (Apr 30) | Kids@Play**, 9:30 am (*D. H.*)
- **Wed (May 1) | Women in Mission supper**, 6:00 pm | **Bethel Singers rehearsal**, 7:15 pm
- **Thurs (May 2) | Men of Song rehearsal**, 7:00 pm
- **Fri (May 3) | MOMS group**, 9:30 am
- **Sat (May 4) |**
- **Sun (May 5) | Worship**, 10:00 am, Kevin Derksen preaching | **Kids Connecting**, 11:15 am | **Youth Connecting**, 11:15 am | **Adult Ed**, 11:15 am | **BKC/BYC picnic**, 6:00 pm

More event details are posted on the website - [Bethel Calendar](#)

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