

Welcome to
RESERVOIR
VIRCH!

August 15, 2021



We'll get started at 10:03!

Grab your breakfast or
beverage and enjoy some
music until then..



What We're Up to This Summer!



NEWS & INVITATIONS

Reservoir calendar at [reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news](https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news)



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- **Reservoir's Soccer Nights, Neighboring and Social Justice**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/what-does-loving-our-neighbor-and-doing-justice-look-like-sometimes-it-looks-a-lot-like-soccer/>
- **The Beloved Community Fund Provides Short-Term Assistance**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/reservoir-introduces-the-beloved-community-fund/>
- **Give Online to Reservoir**
pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch
- **Subscribe to Reservoir's Blog for the Latest News and Events**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/sermons-stories/blog/>

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Sunday 8/22 & 8/29

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Sunday 8/22 & 8/29,
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Join us for cookouts in the church parking lot the next two Sundays from 12 - 2 p.m. We'll have plenty of food and lots of fun! We'll be all outdoors and masks will be strongly encouraged. All ages welcome. [Click to register](#). Please RSVP by Friday 8/20, 8 p.m. Email steve@reservoirchurch.org with any questions.

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Share your Summer Photos!



Send us a photo to let us know what you're up to and how you're doing this summer! We want to see you hiking, resting, eating, gathering --all your summer vibes. Email trecia@reservoirchurch.org or tag us on social media! (@reservoirchurch)

Beloved Community Fund



A resource to support individuals within Reservoir's community for:

- short-term financial assistance
- long-term networking in Reservoir and beyond

<https://forms.gle/FMjNUgEMjvxcPBtA6>

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Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Email [**steve@reservoirchurch.org**](mailto:steve@reservoirchurch.org) for personal prayer from the prayer team.
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [**this form**](#).
- Give financially: [**pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch**](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch)
- Follow Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or [**www.reservoirchurch.org**](https://www.reservoirchurch.org).
- Email [**info@reservoirchurch.org**](mailto:info@reservoirchurch.org) to get Steve's weekly emails.
- Fill out a [**"New or Feeling New" form**](#).

How COVID Changes Us: Pandemic Pause and Prayer

Steve Watson



JOHN 15:1-5
NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.**
- 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.**
- 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.**

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⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.



The Pandemic

Blizzard

Winter

Ice Age



**What is this thing that has
happened to us? ...**



Coronavirus has made the mighty kneel and brought the world to a halt like nothing else could.

Nothing could be worse than a return to normality.



Pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next.



We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us.

Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it.

