

# Morning Worship, Sunday, 5/10/20 - Mother's Day 5th Sunday of Easter

**Words to ponder:** "God is our rock, the foundation of our spiritual home. We are living stones, used to build God's house."

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:** Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10  
**Scriptures for 6th Sunday of Easter:** Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22;  
John 14:15-21

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship: (responsively)** Eunice

Alberts

Eunice: Welcome home, people of God.

**People: We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.**

Eunice: Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

**People: We have come to be nourished by God's word.**

Eunice: We are God's own people, and are precious in God's sight.

**People: We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love.**

**Opening Prayer: (unison)** Eunice

Alberts

**We gather today O God, our guide and guardian, remembering those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We give thanks for homes that accept us and affirmed us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into a spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages** Tanya

Lennon

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Gospel Reading** John 14:1-14 Eunice Alberts

Eunice: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** *"I Am The Way and The Truth and The Life"* Pastor Ed

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Prayer of Confession (unison)** Holy One, you are our fortress and our rock, the foundation on which all things are built. You have made us one family and one people – a holy priesthood, precious in your sight. Yet, we often pursue our own plans and ignore your designs for our lives. We reject those who are different from us, and build walls that separate us from each other and from you. Forgive us, O God. Tear down the barriers we have put up, and rescue us from our isolation. Gather together the living stones of our lives and fashion us into a holy temple, transformed by the marvelous light of your mercy and grace. Amen.

## Silent Meditation & Words of Assurance

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Bill Florin

*Response: "Lord, hear our prayers".*

## Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

**The Offering of our Gifts** *(Please mail in your offerings)*

## Doxology

**\*Offering Prayer (unison)** O God, our fortress and our rock, may these offerings be acceptable to you. In a world facing profound need, they seem insignificant, but we know that

**in your hands, even small things become great. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to make this world a home where all are sheltered, nourished and cherished. Amen.**

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton  
Liturgist: Eunice Alberts

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***Sending Hymn***

*“Shout to the Lord”*

**Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)**

**Benediction (*responsively*)**

Once we weren’t a people, but now we are God’s people.

**God’s face shines on us. God’s faithful love saves us.**

This news is too good to keep to ourselves.

**Everywhere we go, we will share the good news of God amazing grace. Amen.**

Pastor Ed



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