

# Morning Worship

May 8, 2022, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Mother's Day

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Fantasia" arrg. Robert W. Thygeron

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Schif

\*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

People: **Illumine our homes with the light of your love.**

Leader: We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

People: **From our mothers and those who have served as mothers in many ways, nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.**

Leader: As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God. Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

People: **As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, so we come to worship in His holy name.**

\*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

\*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid; We thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly; We thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears; We thank you that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs; We thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our

mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in his Name we pray. Amen. (*The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn*)

\*Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader  
O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen

## Words of Assurance

This God—His way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 18:30)

## Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arrg. Mark Hayes

## A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 66: 12-14](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Epistle Lesson: [2 Corinthians 1:3-7](#) (CEB)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Mother Musings" Rose Aiello

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "O Lord, May Church & Home Combine" UMH #695

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

\*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Generous God, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, and we can rely on you. Your Word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents, and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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

\*Sending Hymn "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS #2140  
(v. 1-3)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. "Awesome God" TFWS #2040  
(x2)

***Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to the Arnolds Family!!***

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship  
Next up: [John 13:31-35](#)



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***