

Sunday Worship

May 12, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Honoring Mothers

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Largetto" Mark Davis

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 47 Leader

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy for the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

People: **He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.**

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm; God is King over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

People: **The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.**

*Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" UMH #711
(v. 1,2,4)

*Opening Prayer (Unison) Leader
Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for us. And may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event,

help us to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Wonder of His Love" Jeff Lippencott

A Time for Children of All Ages Sheryl Rajpolt

Mother's Day Litany See Insert

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 1:1-11](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [John 17:6-19](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Who or What is a Mom? Anita Stabler-Hussey

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Anita Stabler-Hussey

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for giving us Mary who gave birth to your Son, Jesus. We are also grateful for all of the Mothers in the world yesterday, today, and tomorrow for giving birth or stepping up to be a Mother to all your children.

Please accept these gifts we now give to you to show our gratitude for all that you have given to us. Please guide us to use these gifts of money, talent, and blessings to your use that we may all be there for your children of the world who are in need always. We Love you Lord and Thank you daily for all the Blessings you continue to bestow upon each and every one of us. In your name, we pray. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Betsy Sword

Coming Up:

May 19th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - "Pentecost" Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear about the coming of the Holy Spirit ([Acts 2:1-21](#)) - Happy Birthday, Church! 🎂

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"