



Sunday, May 10, 2020

Order of Worship



Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home/Garden Sunday

Prelude *Air Tendre*
Celebration of Praise

Meredith Kuehl, organ

Dennis Eliot
James Denton

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Readers from Hope UMC

One: Mothers come in many different forms and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

One: Everyone here is a son, a daughter, a child.

All: Thank God for my mother!

One: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

One: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

One: For the times mothers parented in loving ways and for the times painful mistakes have been made.

All: Thank God for the gift of mothers and forgiveness shared.

One: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be mothers.

One: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

One: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

One: For all the women who do not have children of their own but instead are a mothering presence in the lives of many.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit. We thank, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. Thank you, Mother God!

Hymn *Gather Us In*

The Faith We Sing #2236, v. 1, 2, 4

*1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2. We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old – who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong;*

*give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Morning Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Congregational Prayer

One: Let us pray for families.

All: We pray for families where children, youth and adults are nurtured so they might grow as God intended us to grow.

One: Let us pray for families.

All: We pray for families struggling with stress, grief, abuse and violence. We pray for families without the time or ability to be together.

One: Let us pray for families.

All: We pray for families of one, who sometimes long for companionship, sometimes feel filled through friendships and the very presence of Mother, Father God.

One: Let us pray for families.

All: We pray for families who read the Bible, pray together, worship together, and seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

One: Let us pray for families.

All: God, we are all your children, part of your family, so none of us is alone. Help us to remember your messages of justice, peace, hope and love in such a way that those messages are lived out in our homes, in our communities and in our world. Amen.

Anthem *Winds of Morning*

Sandra Eithun

Ringtones

Children's Message

Pastor Sarah Horsfield

Scripture Reading

Ryan Herrick

John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed, " I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me, I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous One, the world does not know you but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them and I will make it known so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.'"

Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

The Faith We Sing #2238, v. 1-3

1. *In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

2. *Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

3. *As we stand a world divided, by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

Sermon *Ready ... Fire ... Aim*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Sarah Horsfield

FUMC Garden Ministry Video

FUMC Garden Team and Velda Graham Bell, piano

Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King*

UM Hymnal #62, v. 1-4

1. *All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. *O brother wind, air, clouds and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

3. *O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

4. *Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Words for Going Forth

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

arr. Hal Hopson

Thank you to Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Mary Whitlock and Velda Graham Bell for leading hymns today.

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Next Sunday Pastor Jeanine will preach "You're Nobody Till Somebody Loves You," reflecting on what it means that God loves us. The Scripture is 1 Corinthians 13.

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