

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Welcome!

Call to Worship

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us give thanks and be glad in it!

Pastor: This is the day that we remember mothers near and far

People: old and young, still alive and those whom have gone before us.

Pastor: May we love like God loves us- with a Parent's love

People: compassionate, strong, tender and gracious!

All: May we worship God the One who calls us by name and calls us God's children!

Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)

Loving God, whom we worship now. As we continue in this season of Eastertide, remind us still that You defeated all evil and death by raising Jesus from the tomb! May we continue to be an Easter people, full of hope and courage to face these days full of uncertainty and ambiguity. May this worship draw us closer to you, O God, and to one another, across many miles and sources of technology. Fill us, Holy Spirit, with your love, your light, your grace! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn of Adoration: Morning Has Broken (Red Hymnal, Verse 1,2,3)

*Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for the, spring Fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

Prayer of the People (in unison)

For mothers and those who love them...

Loving God, we give thanks to You for mothers everywhere. We give thanks for their love, care, concern, and compassion. We lift up to You especially those who have struggled in their roles as mothers, where the path has not been smooth. We pray for those whose mothers perhaps failed in any way. Bring hope in the midst of their lives, whether as mothers or as children. For those relationships that are strained, grant reconciliation. Where there is pain, bring the healing of Your grace and mercy. For those unable to have their own children, fill their hearts with Your amazing love. Bless their ministry in their roles of being a mother to others. As we reflect may our own hearts of love extend to all mothers everywhere; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen (Written by Amy Young, Messy Middle blog)

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Our Father, who art in heaven...)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40: 28-31; Philippians 4:8-9, 13

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

**but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

Philippians 4:8-9, 13

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you... I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Sermon “God’s Renewing Strength!”

Closing Hymn “Be Now My Vision (NCH, Verses 1, 2, 4)

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart-
You my best through, y day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, you presence my light.*

*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever with in me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and for-ever your child I will be.*

*Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what every befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Closing Prayer and Benediction

