

Mother's Day  
May 11, 2024



### THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR,

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Leader: Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

People: *Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms.*

Leader: Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children.

People: *Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings.*

Leader: David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms.

All: *Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.*

\* HYMN # 376 (Blue hymnal)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#### Reflection: Woman - You Are Good

Leader

The universe was incomplete so on the sixth day God created her - Woman; and God said to her, "I shall give you a heart full of compassion, a spirit free to fly with the birds, a vessel to carry life into the world, wisdom to know great truths, courage to rise out of oppression, strength to move mountains, gentleness to kiss the earth, vision to respect the earth that bore you, a playful nature to dance with the children, laughter to fill the valleys, tears to wash the pain away, hands for laboring and loving, intuition to know the unknown, and desire to be that which you were created to be." Then God said to her, "Woman I have created you in my image and likeness and You are good."

\*GLORIA PATRI - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

### A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

#### THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

### WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mark 15: 33-41

Mark 16:1

#### THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

*"Salome - A Servant Mother"*

### WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(inspired by 1 John)

We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ. We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*HYMN #122 (Blue hymnal)

*Thine is the Glory*

#### \*BENEDICTION

Go now in the comfort and peace of the One who gave birth to us; and as you go into your week, know that you are embraced by the love of God - a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known. Amen.

POSTLUDE - (\*) *We stand as we are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Today's flowers are given by Melvin & Marlene Mathis and are in honor of their son Ben, his wife Wanda and grandson Michael who are all celebrating birthdays this month.
2. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate or hand it to the pastor.
3. 8 Most Significant Words: **"Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"**
4. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: **Because we know why we're here – to share the Real Jesus.**
5. **Prayer List:**
  - a. Keegan Barber (son of the high school softball coach of Emily Evans & Abigail Henderson) who has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma in the stomach.
  - b. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) -She continues to fight pancreatic cancer and remains hopeful that she will be able to begin a clinical trial.
  - c. Rhonda Webster - (longtime friend of Margaret Connor) – colon cancer
  - d. Marj Chalfant
  - e. Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd) is continuing to recover but is back at work.
  - f. Jim Hall (friend of Cokers) – colon cancer
  - g. Rodney and Jane Bennett and their family. Rodney's mother (Betty Driggers) passed away peacefully Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - h. Melissa Hughes (niece of Marlene Mathis) who is undergoing treatment for bone cancer. Pray for healing so this mother will see her young children grow up.
  - i. Allison Whitworth (Melinda Howell's daughter) had successful nasal surgery.
  - j. Mary & Mickey Bozeman (sister & brother-in-law of Melinda Howell); Mary will be going to a doctor for possible Parkinson's. Pray that she gets the answers she needs.
  - k. Prayer Requests Placed at the Foot of the Cross – Prayers for all suffering; Prayers for a friend in Hospice; Prayers for good Health; Prayers for God to help us reach many for Christ; Prayers for me because I don't know what I'm doing; Prayers for Biff's Mother and Sister; Prayers for Peace, Compassion, and Understanding; Prayers for those in Darkness; Prayers for those who need Encouragement; Prayers for where to go next in Life; Prayers for friend in Chemo; Prayers to shut out Busyness of World; Prayers for Clarity in Circumstances; Prayers for person with Breast Cancer.
6. **Presbyterian Ladies will dine at Chicago's Pizza on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:20.**
7. **Our monthly fellowship luncheon will be next Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**



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