

✠ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

✠ SUNG RESPONSE

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering, Son;
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.**

✠ POSTLUDE

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Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **We are in the Season of Easter.** Easter isn't just a day, our season of resurrection and new life lasts for 50 days until the Day of Pentecost—next week!
- ✓ **This Sunday we honor** all mothers and those who take part in the act of "mothering" or nurturing others.
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ **Our new Bible Study** continues Wednesday, May 15th in the Comfort Room at 7pm. You are invited!
- ✓ **Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.** Come dressed in red as we celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit. This is the birthday of the Christian Church. Please join us.

Please pray:

- **For women and mothers in America.** Lord, guard and protect all those who seek to nurture and care for the youngest among us. Amen.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.



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“†” Invites all to stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

† CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

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We wait for the coming Spirit.

Come gather 'round;

see the power of Christ before you.

With joy, we praise God.

† OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN

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"God of the Women"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power.

You triumph over death and bring forth new life.

**Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power
in our lives.**

We see violence in the world.

We see injustice in our communities.

We see hunger and need among our neighbors.

In all these things, we feel powerless.

Forgive our hesitance to call upon you.

Speak your words of power again.

May your will be done on earth

as it is in heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We rejoice in the good news of the gospel:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

† 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 always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

Anthem

Church Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

† HYMN

CH #638

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

† DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN

CH #249

"Spirit"

God of the Women

SLANE 10.10.10.10

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all—
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth:
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray—
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more:
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?"
In Jesus' dying, you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day:
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

TUNE: Irish ballad ("Be Thou My Vision," HY 488, LBW 469,
NCH 451, PH 339, UMH 451)

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Litany for Mother's Day

We pray for moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-moms.

Grant them patience, understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for women who think about becoming mothers.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be mothers.

Grant them grace to accept your timing.

We pray for women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for persons who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood.

We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture,
May the women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith.
And may they model for the rest of us what it means to be your
disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus
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