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7th Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude “A Song for Mother’s Day” Higgins

Prayer of Preparation (for your personal use, during Prelude)

Lord, we ask You to bless all the mothers in the world today. Give them the strength to persevere through the challenges they face, the wisdom to guide their children in the right path, and the courage to overcome any obstacle that may come their way. May their hearts be filled with joy and their minds with peace, knowing that their efforts are not in vain and that their love and care make a difference in the lives of those around them. We thank You for the gift of mothers, and we pray that You continue to bless them with Your love and grace. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Proverbs 31

- L: Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is worth more than precious rubies.
- P: Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. She will not hinder him but help him all her life.**
- L: She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day’s work for her servant girls.
- P: She goes out to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings, she plants a vineyard.**
- L: She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. She watches for bargains; her lights burn late into the night. Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber.
- P: She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs with no fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise and kindness is the rule when she gives instructions.**

L: Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:
“There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!”

P: **Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.**

***Hymn** *“Faith of our Mothers”* (Insert)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Savior God we invite You into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect You once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that You are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on You, Your Word, and all that Your Spirit provides. Amen. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

Chancel Choir *“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples/Mother’s Day Moment

1st Gospel Reading John 17:6-19

2nd Gospel Reading/Mother’s Day/Sermon Text John 19:25-27

Sermon *“Here is Your Mother”* Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – From Philippians 2

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Amen.

*Hymn “*My Life Flows On*” SF #2212

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory “*A Song of Peace*” Hegarty

*Doxology PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn “*There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*” RED #249

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude “*Bassus et Dessus de Trompette*” Clerambault
Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher: Ron Sanert

Liturgist: Beth Kiningham

Choir Director: Rich Ford

Organist: Emma Lou Denton

**Please stand, if able* CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover