

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

L The Bible speaks of mothers who have cared for and defended our Biblical forebears.

P. Thanks be to God for the care of our mothers.

L. We raise up Eve, the mother of humankind, who birthed the first human and suffered the first loss of a child.

P. Thanks be to God for Eve, the mother of us all.

L. We raise up Mary, the mother of Jesus, who experienced the joy of the birth of the Messiah and the deep grief of his death at the hands of his enemies.

P. Thanks be to God for Mary, the mother of our savior.

L. We thank you for these mothers and our own mothers or those who have acted as our mothers who have carried us, nurtured us, who have laughed and cried with us, who have taught us to be strong and gentle, and who have shown us to our faith.

All: Thanks be to God for all mothers, biological and spiritual, young and old, all imperfect yet formed in the image of God. Thanks be to God!

Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise

"Mama's Knees" (Screen)

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

Loving God, like an errant child we must come back to you again and again because we continue to sin and walk in our own way. Yet, we know that we need to come back to you to repent and set things right. You have created us and we shame ourselves because we are not the perfect person society says we should be. You have formed us in your image and we want to form ourselves because we think we know best. You have shown us how to love sacrificially, fully, deeply and we don't offer that love to our families, friends and even the stranger in our midst. Forgive us O God, as a mother forgives her child, by wiping away the tears, by forgiving us, and by loving us. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen (Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together

Service of the Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture References:

**NT: 1st Corinthians 13
"The Gift of Love"**

Kathryn Barefoot

Sermon:

"Mother's Day Program"

Responding in Faith

+Hymn of Adoration "Faith of Our Mothers" (Screen)

+Affirmation of Faith

+The Apostles Creed

+Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out into the World

+Hymn of Commitment "Mamas" (Screen)

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

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