



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 9, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

by Tim Graves, adapted

Come and worship!

We will praise the One between, within, and over.

Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love, calling us to do the same.

Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us

to bring justice for the oppressed,

feed the hungry, unlock prisons,

and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

Praise the One whose justice is full of grace!

We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

UMH 127

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - words by William Williams, trans. by Peter Williams & author; music by John Hughes

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†AFFIRMATION

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

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. Amen.

"Glory be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER LITANY

by Peggy Emerson, adapted

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Mothering God, we draw on the image of you as one who nurtures, who gathers, who protects.

We pray for those women who have nurtured us as mothers and who are no longer with us and whom we miss dearly.

We reflect upon those women who have influenced our own lives in so many ways, and we give thanks.

We pray for the women around the world

who are working long days and nights to raise their children right now.

We pray for the mothers around the world.

We pray for mothers who have fled violence and difficult situations, including refugees, and who have been separated from their children, or experienced the tragedy of the death of a child.

We pray for mothers living in uncertainty and facing the unknown.

We pray for all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers!

We pray for families where a mother's illness has led to an early death.

We pray for those who step in to help with the care and nurture of the children, including extended family, and we especially for children who must take on the role of mother when they themselves are still only children.

We pray for the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.^[1]_{SEP}

We give thanks for these mothers with hearts so big.

We pray for those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

We pray for strength and courage for the mothers who have faced grief and loss.

We pray for women whose children have grown and whom they now seldom see.

We pray for mothers who are at a distance from their children.

We pray for all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but have instead been mother to everyone else.

We thank God for the mothers in spirit.

We pray for women leaders around the world who seek to provide a protective environment for children, and whose commitment is to work for a healthy place for children to live and grow.

We pray for those troubled by the prospect of motherhood, perhaps too soon, or too few resources to care for a child.

Mothering God, we offer these prayers to you this day. Hear the prayers of our own hearts.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fall Like Rain

by Stan Pethel

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera; CCLI #1550924
music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

†HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed, vv. 1-3

UMH 714

*I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.*

*I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.*

*I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him.*

*But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.*

"I know Whom I Have Believed" - words by Daniel W. Whittle; music by James McGranahan

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†SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 4:1-2, 27-31

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the people of Israel, saying: When anyone sins unintentionally in any of the Lord's commandments about things not to be done, and does any one of them: ²⁷If anyone of the ordinary people among you sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, and incurs guilt, ²⁸when

the sin that you have committed is made known to you, you shall bring a female goat without blemish as your offering, for the sin that you have committed. ²⁹You shall lay your hand on the head of the sin-offering; and the sin-offering shall be slaughtered at the place of the burnt-offering. ³⁰The priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and he shall pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. ³¹He shall remove all its fat, as the fat is removed from the offering of well-being, and the priest shall turn it into smoke on the altar for a pleasing odor to the Lord. Thus the priest shall make atonement on your behalf, and you shall be forgiven.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Holy Spirit | Fire: Consuming Flame

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" - music by Omer Westendorf; music, Welsh folk tune, ham. by Leland Sateren. CCLI #1550924
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†BENEDCITION

by Joanna Harader, adapted

As you go forth from this place,
may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life;
may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way.
And may the blessing of the Holy One rest with you now and forever more. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Finance Committee and Trustees Committee will meet tomorrow, May 10, at 6pm and 7pm respectively, in Conner Hall.

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PRAYER LIST

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