



Bel Air United Methodist Church

6th Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Mother's Day Video (Skit Guys)

Call to Worship (PSALM 148:1, 13)

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise the LORD in the heights!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name alone is exalted,
Whose glory is above earth and heaven. **Amen.**

Hymn*

Joyful, Joyful

UMH 89

Opening Prayer (Unison, Christina Rossetti)

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

Anthem

Children's Choir and Mother's Day Choir
Directed by Kristen Brought

Sacrament of Baptism

Sarah Jane Vecchione
Parents, Christopher & Leah Vecchione

Moment for Ministry

Habitat Home Build Project

Deb Englar

Mother's Day Prayer (Rev. Jane Sommers, Copyright 2008)

Chas Hagan

On this day of celebrating your love, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers.

May your blessing pour out upon these women, and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.

We praise you, O God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. Where we have been so blessed, we give our grateful praise, for you have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children.

We call forth your compassion upon every mother who has unknowingly caused pain and suffering. We lift to you our mothers, so imperfect, also so wounded by this world.

We bless our mothers this day, no matter what they have done or left undone. We do this because we believe in your healing, and we believe in your love and we believe that you love every mother, good or bad; and we stand together with all mothers in solidarity, for we all are in need of your grace. Where we have failed because we did not know better, help us to forgive ourselves. Where we have seen your face in any woman who has been to us a mother, in her face we have seen your light and your love and we give thanks – for where they have loved, they have kept your word and blessed us.

We lift to you the heart of every mother who has watched her child die of hunger, every mother who had been a victim of abuse, every woman who stands in protest against a world that massacres her children. We lift to you the prayer of every mother who has ever loved and lost.

We lift to you our Mother Earth. We lift to you our Mother Church. We lift to you, O God, your mother's heart; and although we cannot fully express our gratitude, help each one of us to be your blessing of love, a blessing straight from your heart. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (Isaiah 40:11)

The Lord will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and

carry them by his chest, and gently lead the mother sheep. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also, with you. Amen.**

Gospel Reading*

John 21: 15-25

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” ²² Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” ²³ So the rumor spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Hymn*

I Love You, Lord
O Lord, You're Beautiful

TFWS 2068
TFWS 2064

Sermon

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering Our Gifts

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.



Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



Mother's Day Fellowship – Please join us for a special Mother's Day fellowship time in room 202 thanks to our Hospitality Team.

Graduation Recognition Sunday – Sunday, May 21st

Pentecost Sunday – Sunday, May 28th – wear “Red” and help celebrate the birth of the church!

Baseball & BAUMC – Friday, May 26th; 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with the IronBirds at Ripken Stadium. Children’s activities at the Kids Zone + 3 tokens for kids 3-12 years old. Fireworks after the game! Tickets are \$12 each. Limited number of tickets available.

Habitat for Humanity Church-Wide Panel Build – Saturday, June 10th

Save the date and please plan to join us in the church parking lot, Saturday, June 10th, Linwood Entrance for a panel build. These panels will be used for the walls in next year’s Habitat House. 30 volunteers needed. We provide a continental breakfast and t-shirts. Sign-up at: habitatsusq.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=9980

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Bible Study Material: Agape and Phileo in John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love (*agape*) me more than these?”

He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love (*phileo*) you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

A second time, Jesus said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love (*agape*) me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love (*phileo*) you.”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love (*phileo*) me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love (*phileo*) me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love (*phileo*) you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Joyful, Joyful

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

I Love You, Lord

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

O Lord, You're Beautiful

O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek; and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, you're wonderful, your touch is all I need; and when your hand is on this child, your healing I receive.

O Lord, you're beautiful, you face is all I seek; and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

O How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. [Refrain]