

6th Sunday of Easter-May 9th, 2021; 9:15

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

*Call to Worship

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

Opening Prayer (unison)

Jory Fisher

Loving God, thank you for the ways that you watch over us, protects us, care for us, deliver us, shield us, defend us, guide us, lead us, nurture us, and comfort us. Shine in our hearts and bring us alive to your goodness, mercy, and everlasting hope. May we love others as you love us. Amen.

Special Music

BAUMC Quartet

Prayer of Confession (*)

Gracious and loving God,

You lived for us- we have not lived for you.

You have forgiven us-we have not forgiven others.

You have loved us-we have not loved ourselves,
nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and forgive us, God.

Help us to forgive.

Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.

Reconciled to the God who loves us,

Let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:15-2:10

Hymn

A Mother Lined a Basket

TFWS 2189

Sermon

Strategically Positioned by God

Rev. Lynn Boyd

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For all of the women in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For women, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: God, we give you thanks and praise.

Special Music for Reflection

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Mother's Day Video

Benediction

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Love as Jesus Loves.

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God Will Take Care of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

**God will take care of you, through everyday, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. **Refrain**

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. **Refrain**

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. **Refrain**

A Mother Lined Basket

A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry,
then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry.
She let a princess name him her son that he might live.
God's people had a leader. She had such hope to give.

A mother sewed a jacket lined in the softest wool,
then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full.
She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live,
God's people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.

A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw;
then in the shepherd's story, his call from God foresaw.
She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must live.
God's people had a savior. She had such love to give.

Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary, too, we know
the hardest part of loving is learning to let go.
So when we send our children out in the world to live,
grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.