

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

May 14, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude "Nothing But the Blood" (arr. Birchwood) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Jesus calls us to follow Him.

P: We come wondering where He will take us.

L: Jesus shows us the way of God.

P: He is the way, the truth, and the life.

L: Jesus prepares a place for us in the house of God.

P: We are built into a spiritual house, a welcoming home for all. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1-4) **UMH 92**

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek Your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that Your love may surround all who enter here. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

*Passing of the Peace

ASP Mission Moment

Anthem "We Are Singing" & "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Children's Choir

Children's Message Sherrod Sturrock

Hymn Response "Children of the Heavenly Father" (vs. 1 & 2) **UMH 141**

Mother's Day Prayer (in unison)

"Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over Your Church. Blessed be all mothers and mother-like figures, whose kindness and care remain with us to guide. Bless them that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Epistle Lesson **1 Peter** **2:1-10** Ev Klahr

Gospel Lesson **John** **14:1-14**

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Faith** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" **UMH 559**

Message "A Place for Everyone" Rev. Wayne Chung
What is it that makes it home? Jesus knows the way to our eternal home. "My Father's house has many rooms." Jesus is the Cornerstone, that connects and holds all the other parts of the house.

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory Sandy Griese

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 94**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** "Help Us Accept Each Other" **UMH 560**

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

***Hymn Response** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1) **UMH 557**

Postlude "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (arr. Benjamin) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Acts 17:22-31 **Psalm 66:18-20** **1 Peter 3:13-22** **John 14:15-21**

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Today's altar flowers celebrate Kathy Thorne's May 13 birthday, and are presented with lots of love and happy birthday wishes from her very blessed family!

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Sally Lounsbury - recovering from hip surgery, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

