

Homer United Methodist Church

Festival of the Christian Home / Mother's Day May 9, 2021

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Centering Rev. Lisa Talbott

 take a deep breath, lift up a prayer of gratitude, and remember that where ever you are, you are on God's holy ground.

Call to Worship¹ Pastor Lisa

Holy Spirit, be with us in our worship today. Draw us ever closer to you that we may become one. Draw us ever closer to your word, that we may be wise. Draw us ever closer to your world, that we may serve and love as you command us to do. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Opening SongCome, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758

MUSIC: Wyeth's repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

CCLI Song # 108389 CCLI # 11365960

Prayer for Illumination²

Dotty Cline

Scripture John 15:9-17 Dotty Cline

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹ Mary Scrifes, Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, 119.

² Adapted from Mary Scrifes, Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, 110-111.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants* any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Sacred Friendship Pastor Lisa

Song of Response What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868 CCLI Song # 27714 CCLI # 11365960

Prayers of the People

For all of those who have mothered us throughout our lives, by blood and birth or by chance and choice,

we give thanks to you, O God.

For those who tend to us when we are sick and who put their own lives on the line to save others,

we give thanks to you, O God.

For those who taught us reading, writing, arithmetic, art, music, theatre, history, cooperation, and collaboration,

we give thanks to you, O God. Amen.

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 have forgiven 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 10,000 Reasons Vheneka

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Benediction

Live in unity and love. Live in faith and hope. Live in the light of Christ. Go forth to live in the power of the resurrection every day. Amen.

Closing Song

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Blest Be the Ties that Bind

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nageli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845 CCLI Song # 25369