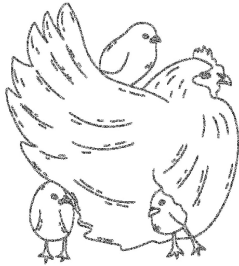


Sixth Sunday of Easter
MOTHER'S DAY - Festival of the Christian Home
Theme: Hopeful Waiting

Sunday, May 10, 2026



"How often I have longed to gather you together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings." Luke 13:34

"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that you may grow up to salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good." 1 Peter 2:2

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." John 14:18

GATHERING

Prelude: "God of the Sparrow" J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper—the Spirit that lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: We come also remembering women of faith who have nurtured and inspired us, those who early on followed Jesus and were faithful to the mission yet went unnamed.

People: We acknowledge those who remained vigilant and caring, who started churches, world missions, and have kept the doors of many churches open.

Leader: We extend our gratitude through their self-giving and sacrifice as faithful teachers, leaders, and preachers.

People: God gives us all the Spirit, to nurture and guide us, to draw us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

Leader: Easter people, God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper, so that we can live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

People: Therefore, we will continue to listen for the Spirit who helps us, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN

*Hymn: #386 "Come, Worship God"

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. We confess those times we fail to grasp the expansiveness of this dream for all humanity. You have placed us in care of mother earth and sustained our being through the produce of the land and the cleanness of the air we breathe, and yet we pollute and overuse, we desecrate and abuse the abundance of this gift. Renew in us the desire and commitment to be respectful stewards. Shape us into the people you have made us to be —poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation, who continues to teach us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven. . AMEN

Word of Assurance

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: I Peter 3:14-15 and John 14:15-21

Sermon: "A Dream Revealed"

*Hymn: #209 "My Song Is Love Unknown" (vs. 1, 2, and 5 only)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. You are like a mother hen who nurtures and

protects us. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer our gifts—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ’s story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us, we sing. . .

Gloria Patri - #581 “Glory Be to The Father”

Announcements

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "Happy the Home When God Is There" *(please see insert)*

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now to love and serve God in the blessing of the Spirit who journeys with us. Go inspired by the women of faith you have known and who have touched your life.

People: We go to continue living the unfolding story of God’s dream for creation here and now. AMEN

Postlude:
(Please remain seated)

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Anna Laura Page

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Person this week is: **Sara Lichty**

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