

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER    Mother's Day    Sunday, May 14, 2023  
Festival of the Christian Home



**“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” I John 3:18**

## *GATHERING*

*Prelude:*                    “Come Thou Almighty King”                    Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:8-20

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**People: A God who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

Leader: But you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs.

**People: You let people ride over our heads; we your chosen people went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: We come into your house with our offerings.

**People: We come to hear your word, and we will tell what You have done for us.**

Leader: Truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of our prayers.

**People: Blessed be our God who has not rejected our prayers or removed His steadfast love from us.**

\*Hymn: #626 “As the Deer” (see download)

\*Prayer of the Day

**Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with You in the wonder of bringing forth new life. By the grace of God we have been cared for and nurtured. We offer thanks also for grandmothers, aunts, and all women who have nurtured, mentored, and inspired us. You who became human through a woman, grant to all the courage to face the uncertainty or challenges life brings, especially toward our children**

**and all of our young. We lift up thanks for a God who guards us as a hen broods over her young. On this day in which we honor mothers and women who have been special to us, with thanksgiving we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In confidence, we receive the extravagant love of our God, as well as that offered by all God's own, trusting that we have all we need and more.

The Lord's Prayer (*a new version*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today what we need for today. Forgive all our wrongs, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Keep us from falling into temptation, even as you deliver us from all things evil. For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours. Now and forever. AMEN**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Offer the “wave of peace” to those around you or greet those you comfortably can)*

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

*Anthem:*                    “In the Midst of New Dimensions”                    (GTG #315)

Scripture: I John 3:16-18 and John 10:1-10

Sermon:                    **“Shepherding Love”**

\*Hymn: #803 “My Shepherd Will Supply Your Need” (see download)

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of Shalom, as Jesus gathered on the beach that day, as he witnessed the disciples attempting to fish, remove our doubts of an abundant catch. Show us where to cast our nets. Take away concern that cripples, and keep us strong in our giving and in our living. Help us hear again the words of your peace, recognizing your presence in our ordinary daily living. Receive our offerings as a sign of our commitment to your life-giving ways. We entrust to You our hearts, our energies, our lives. AMEN**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "Faith of Our Mothers" (Insert) (see download)

\*Benediction

Postlude "Crown Him Lord of All" Gilbert Martin

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who are able, please stand

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

### **Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Family this week: Charles & Kathy Ankney**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of  
Lois & Darwin Eshelman's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Given by Dianne & Harold Yuninger**

**The Carnations are to Honor all Mothers past and present  
Given by June Stannard**



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