

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m. *Mother's Day* May 10, 2020

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Welcome home, people of God.

All: We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

One: Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

All: We have come to be nourished by God's word.

One: We are God's own people, and are precious in God's sight.

All: We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love.

One: And together let us pray.

All: We gather today O God, our guide and guardian, remembering those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We give you thanks for homes that accept us and affirmed us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into a spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "We Are the Church" (Verses 1, 4,5) UMH #558

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Virginia Lorenzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The master builder has plans for us. God delights in using what the world has tossed aside. No matter who we are, God uses us as living stones, the building blocks of God's kin-dom on earth.

THE HEBREW READING Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 O.T. Pgs. 487-488

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:2-10 N. T. Pgs. 216-217

THE GOSPEL READING John 14:1-4 N.T. Pgs. 103-104

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Living Stone Sanctuary" Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN "Grace Alone" TFWS #2162

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you are our fortress and our rock, the foundation on which all things are built. You have made us one family and one people – a holy priesthood, precious in your sight. Yet we often pursue our own plans and ignore your designs for our lives. We reject those who are different from us, and build walls that separate us from each other and from you. Forgive us, O God. Tear down the barriers we have put up, and rescue us from our isolation. Gather together the living stones of our lives and fashion us into a holy temple, transformed by the marvelous light of your mercy and grace. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Do not be troubled. When we ask for anything in Jesus' name, it will be done. Celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Loving God, you have made us your people, so that we may speak of your wonderful acts. With gratitude for all we have received, we have come to offer our gifts to you.

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O God, our fortress and our rock, may these offerings be acceptable to you. In a world facing profound need, they seem insignificant, but we know that in your hands, even small things become great. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to make this world a home where all are sheltered, nourished and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: God of friends and families, we are connected to each other!

All: We are in a community of friendship and support.

One: God's face shines on us.

All: God's faithful love saves us.

One: This news is too good to keep to ourselves.

All: Everywhere we go, we share the good news of God's amazing grace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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