

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Proverbs 31:25-28  
John 19:25-27

One: The Word of God for the people of God  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Mary, the Mother of Jesus” Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
God, the Giver of life, blesses us with compassion and care. Like Mary, who offered herself in humble service, let us now offer our gifts with gratitude, so that others may know the embrace of God’s mothering love through the ministry of the church.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Shepherd Me, O God* CUMC Adult Choir  
by Marty Haugen

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
**Gracious God, we thank you for your love that surrounds us and sustains us. We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and pray that you would use them and us to comfort the hurting, feed the hungry, nurture the children, and proclaim your goodness. As Mary responded with the words, “Let it be,” so may we respond with hearts open to your will. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Christ is Alive* UMH #318  
(Verses 1,2,5)

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH  
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*  
by Tom Birchwood

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED** **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**



*She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
~ Proverbs 31:26*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER’S DAY

10 a.m. May 11, 2025

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

PRELUDE

*Prayer*  
by John Andrew

INTROIT

*I Can Only Imagine*  
by Bart Millard

CUMC Adult Choir  
Previously Recorded

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

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!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
One: Just as a mother seeks peace in her home, God calls us into peace with one another. Let us share the peace of Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you**

\*HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* TFWS #2050

CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: Come, all who carry joy and sorrow, hope and heartache.  
**All: We come to worship the One whose love is deeper than a mother’s embrace.**  
One: As Mary treasured all things in her heart, may we too find space to wonder and to trust.  
**All: We come to celebrate the God who created us, nurtures us, and loves us with unfailing care.**  
One: Let us worship God, whose love is tender and strong, whose mercy never ends.

OPENING PRAYER  
**Gracious God, on this day set apart to honor and give thanks for mothers and all who offer a mother’s love, we gather in awe of your boundless compassion. You cradle us in mercy, guide us in wisdom, and shelter us with steadfast care. As we lift our hearts in worship, may your Spirit awaken in us deep gratitude, healing hope, and reverence for the love that gives and nurtures life. Bless this time of worship, that it may draw us closer to you and to one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, who revealed your love, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES “Children’s Message” Rev. Sue H. Yun

*A Mother’s Day Litany*

Child 1: Today we thank God for mothers.  
**All: Thank you, God, for loving moms who care for us.**  
Child 2: We thank God for grandmothers, aunts, and godmothers.  
**All: Thank you, God, for women who help us grow.**  
Child 3: We thank God for stepmothers and foster mothers.  
**All: Thank you, God, for women who show us love.**  
Child 4: We thank God for women who teach us at church and school.  
**All: Thank you, God, for women who guide us with wisdom.**  
Child 5: We thank God for women who pray for us and walk with Jesus.  
**All: Thank you, God, for women of faith who help us believe.**  
Child 6: We remember that Mother’s Day can be happy and also sad.  
**All: Thank you, God, for being close to us in all our feelings.**  
Child 7: For all women who love with your love, Lord,  
**All: We give you thanks and praise. Amen.**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of compassion and mercy, You love us with a fierce and nurturing love, yet we confess we have not always lived as your beloved children. We forget your promises, resist your calling, and sometimes fail to love even those closest to us. Forgive us when we do not trust your care. Heal our broken places and restore us again in your grace, so that we may reflect your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER  
WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
Hear the good news: As a mother holds her child, so God holds you. God’s love never fails and God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and set free to love.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**