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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 14, 2023**

PRELUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth" *Conrad Kocher*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us reflect on the love and care that our mothers have shown us. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 31:25, "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."

Congregation: We give thanks for the strength and dignity that our mothers possess, and for the way they have faced the future with courage and hope.

Leader: Let us remember the sacrifices that our mothers have made for us. Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Congregation: We remember the selfless love that our mothers have shown us, and we honor their sacrifices.

Leader: Let us pray for all mothers, that they may continue to be a source of love and strength for their families. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Congregation: We pray for all mothers, that they may continue to love their families with patience, kindness, and selflessness. May they always protect, trust, hope, and persevere.

***HYMN**

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on this Mother’s Day, we thank You for our mothers through whom Your gift of life begins and through whom we are nurtured. We pray for our mothers, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family of love and respect. Lord Jesus, we call upon You to bless all mothers today and every day. Extend Your hands of grace over them. Grant that they may be joyous in the challenges and opportunities of being a mother, and proud in raising the family You have gifted. Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

READING

“When God Created Mothers”

Read by Candy Zhou

Written by Erma Bombeck, Mother’s Day Column, May 12, 1974

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

“Songs My Mother Taught Me”

Anton Dvorak

Sung by MingRen Huang

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Prayer (from “Hansel & Gretel”)

*Engelbert Humperdinck
arr Martha Powell Setchell*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***BLESSING OF THE OFFERING**

READING

“Blessed Among Women,” and “Mary’s Song”

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON

Community Property

VIDEO PRESENTATION

***HYMN**

There Is a Line of Women

***BENEDICTION**

Read by Candy Zhou

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“The Hand of God Shall Hold You”

Sung by Laurel & John Buckwalter

The hand of God shall hold you, the peace of God, enfold you, the love that dreamed and formed you still surrounds you here today; the light of God beside you, above, beneath, inside you, the light that shines to guide you home to the loving hand of God.

POSTLUDE

“I Want a Girl (Just Like the Girl that Married Dear Old Dad)”

Serving Today

Guest Pastor Rick Stephens

Worship Leader..... Dave Porter

Presentation Larry Casey
 Reader Candy Zhou
 Flowers..... Deb & Rick Stephens
 Greeters Beth & Lyle Slack
 Coffee Hour Regina Burke

Piano
 Peter O'Connor
 Organ
 Laurel Buckwalter
 Hymn Leader Beverly
 Snyder
 Tenor
 MingRen Huang



Mission of the Month

Usher..... John Meacham
 Zoom Hosts..... Tech Team

- Nutrition Site at 11:30 am on Monday May 15, Tuesday May 16, and Thursday May 18
- Boy Scouts at 6 pm on Tuesday May 16
- Elders Meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday May 16
- Book Group at 12 pm on Wednesday May 17
- Knit Night at 6 pm on Thursday May 18
- Zoom Program at 11:30 am on Friday May 19 BR
- AA Meeting at 7 pm on Friday May 19

Looking Ahead
Sunday May 21, 2023

Worship Leader..... Mary-Lou Cartledge
 Flowers..... Joan & Walter Schulze
 Greeter Bob Heineman
 Coffee Hour Mindy Smith
 Piano Peter O'Connor
 OrganLaurel Buckwalter
 Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
 Usher John Meacham
 Zoom Hosts.....Tech Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Attention all Boards & Committees!** Please elect officers and let the Administrative Secretary know who the Chairs are by May 26. Thank you!
- **Items for Food Pantry:** Beginning Sunday, May 7, the congregation is invited to bring shelf-stable food items for the Alfred Food Pantry to the church service on Communion Sundays.



Mission of the Month

Hart Comfort House

The Comfort House of Allegany County, also known as Hart Comfort House, located in Wellsville NY, is a not-for-profit corporation providing free hospice care for people in their last 3 months of life, and support for those peoples' families. There are envelopes labeled "Hart Comfort House" available at the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ding Jiayi & family, Chang Weiping & Family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Wes Bentz, 5 yr. old Lowin, Jan Wightman (Tiersa Watson's mother), David Dubois, Ray Chambers, Beverly Potter, Brian & Tammy Matteson, David Byrnes, Corrie Burdick, "Marnie" Rose Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Leah Crosby.

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426 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ARMS OF PATIENCE LM

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, Source of
 me your food of light, grain of ___ life and
 pa - tience hold me close so that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

*Chord symbols for unison singing only; they do not correspond with the vocal harmonies.

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AUSTIN 8.7.8.7

D G A D

1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

A D A Bm G Em

close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
 trust in pow'r and might, left be - hind our friends and
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and

Bm A G D A D

bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 fam' - ly, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

546 There Is a Line of Women

CLIMBING VINE 7.6.7.6 D

Capo 1: (D)
Eb

(G)
Ab



1 There is a line of wom-en ex - tend - ing back to
 2 There is a line of wom-en who took on pow'r - ful
 3 There is a line of wom-en who stood by Je - sus'

(D)
Eb

(A)
Bb

(D)
Eb



Eve whose role in shap - ing hist' - ry God
 men, de - fy - ing laws and scru - ples to
 side, who housed him while he mini-stered and

(A)
Bb

(G)
Ab



on - ly could con - ceive; and though through end - less
 let life live a - gain; and though, de - spite their
 held him when he died; and though they claimed he'd

(Bm)
Cm

(Bm/A)
Cm/Bb

(G)
Ab

(F#m)
Gm



ag - es their wit - ness was re - pressed, God
 tri - umph, their sto - ries stayed un - told, God
 ris - en, their news was deemed sus - pect till

(Em)
Fm

(Bm)
Cm

(G)
Ab

(A)
Bb



val - ued and in - spired them through whom the world was
 kept their num - ber grow - ing, cre - a - tive, strong, and
 Je - sus stood a - mong them, his wo - man - ly e -

(D)
Eb

(G/A)
Ab/Bb

(A)
Bb

(D)
Eb



bles's'd. So sing a song of Sa - rah— to
 bold. So sing a song of Shiph-rah with
 lect. So sing a song of An - na who



(G) (D)
A \flat E \flat

laugh - ter she gave birth; and sing a song of
Pu - ah close at hand: en - gaged to kill male
saw Christ's in - fant face; and sing a song of

(E) (A)
F B \flat

Ta - mar who stood for wo - men's worth; and
chil - dren, they foiled the king's com - mand; and
Mar - tha who gave him food and space; and

(G) (D) (B m) (D/A)
A \flat E \flat C m E \flat /B \flat

sing a song of Han - nah who bar - gained with her
sing a song of Ra - hab who shel - tered spies and
sing of all the Ma - rys who heed - ed his re -

(G) (G/F#) (E m) (D/F#)
A \flat A \flat /G F m E \flat /G

Lord; and sing a song of Ma - ry who
lied; and sing a song of Es - ther pre -
quests and now at heav - en's ban - quet are

(G) (A) (D) (G/A) (A)
A \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat /B \flat B \flat

(∞) Last time

bore and bred God's Word.
vent - ing gen - o - cide.
Je - sus' fond - est guests.

