

Welcome!

Prayer of Preparation

*God of new life, as I sit in this sanctuary, I am aware of life--
in the joyous greetings of the gathered, in the aroma of the
flowers, in the life pulsing through my body with every beat of my
heart. Life is all around me, because of the Risen One.
Help me to worship in that truth this day. Amen*

We will sing from the Gold Hymnal today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior”*

*Resurrection Proclamation

L: Empty is the tomb!

P: Full are our hearts!

L: Christ is risen!!

P: He is risen indeed!!

*HYMN *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*.....no. 1

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we have been in the darkness
where all seems lost; now we are basking
in the light of new, abundant life!*

*The risen Christ is with us; still it seems difficult
to share that news and to reflect its hope in our lives.*

*Grant us grace to take the risk!
In Christ’s name we pray, Amen*

+SILENT PRAYER

+ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

L: Followers of Christ, be strong, be of courage!

C: We shall live in the spirit of the Risen One!

*PRAISE RESPONSE *“Christ Arose”* refrain.....no. 298

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9: 36-43 p. 894

ANTHEM *“Pilot of Galilee”*

GOSPEL READING John 10: 22-30 p. 873

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*A LITANY ON MOTHER’S DAY

L: Like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly,
You push us to stretch our wings and risk falling,
yet You do not abandon us but lift us up protecting us from evil.

P: We thank You, mothering God.

L: Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger,
You bring justice on those who oppress the young and vulnerable.

P: We thank You, mothering God.

L: Your Spirit comforts us as one whom a mother comforts.

P: We thank You, mothering God.

L: Holy Spirit, we praise You for the gift of mothers
through whom You give us life.

**P: We thank You for their trust in You to guide them
through the early years, the uncertainties of youth,
the release of young adulthood.**

L: We thank You for women who did not give us birth,
but through whom You give us abundant life:

**P: For school teachers, aunts, grandmothers,
sisters, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers,
supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.**

L: We ask Your tender mercies on all those
whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus,
for those whose tears are not yet dry.

We ask Your comforting presence on those mothers
who have buried sons and daughters.

We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers
by harsh words, distance, misunderstanding.

P: **Grant grace to heal, to forgive and to love again.**

L: We pray for mothers who work but cannot earn enough to feed and clothe and educate their children.

We pray for mothers who are guardians for grandchildren.

We pray for mothers whose children face limitations of ability.

P: **Grant wisdom and tenacity to encourage each child's full potential with You.**

For these gifts and graces, for these women, we give thanks!

*HYMN "Take Thou Our Minds.....no. 467

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Just As I Am"

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us"no. 520

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth".....no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Toccata in F Major"

(L- Leader; P- **People**. Those who are able, please *- stand, +-kneel)

Mother's Day Litany adapted from Trish Holland, the Presbyterian Outlook

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Erla Hartranft and family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Bernstel
Jenny Chang
Jeff Miller, Sr.

Rosalie Ann Cosce
Lillian Messner
Jeffrey Miller

Joe Acebo
Mark Anthony
Shirley Endy



Peace United Church of Christ

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

WELCOME!



May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter