

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in Alleluia* Jacques Berthier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been comforted by God,
like a mother comforts her child.
We have received compassion from God,
like a mother has compassion on her child.
We have been nourished by God,
like a child after being weaned.
We have been gathered together by God,
like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.
Let us be gentle with others, as God has been gentle with us,
caring for us like a mother cares for her little children.

* HYMN 7 “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, who loves us like a mother,
you call us to make you our primary attachment,
connected to you for nourishment
as if by an umbilical cord.**
**Yet, we cling to more immediate attachments
and crave quicker fixes.**

**Forgive us, O God.
By your Spirit, help us loosen our grip on other securities,
so that our hands might receive more of you.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240, refrain only (twice) “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to his name.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25, p. 607-608 (OT)

ANTHEM *Gospel Medley* Traditional

I’m gonna sing, sing, sing,
I’m gonna sing, sing, sing,
I’m gonna sing, sing, sing to the Lord!
When those gates are open wide
I’ll be standin’ by His side.
I’m gonna sing, sing, sing to the Lord.

Swing low, sweet chariot
Comin’ for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot
Comin’ for to carry me home.

Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:11-18, p. 882-883 (NT)

SERMON “Mary: from the End to the Beginning”
Peter, Paul, and Mary: Resurrection Tour 2019

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 249 “Because You Live, O Christ”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (10.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all

families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Blowin’ In the Wind* Bob Dylan

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 241 “Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 240, refrain only “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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POSTLUDE *Let There Be Peace On Earth* arr. Fred Bock

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ’s spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Peggy Olney
Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Margaret Marsh
Today's ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Frank Reynolds in memory of Barbara Reynolds.

We welcome Nancy Allen as our guest pianist today. We also thank Janet Black and Ruth Young for their solo parts in today's service.

Mother's Day & Maternal Images of God in the Bible

There are many maternal images for God in Scripture. In the Psalms, God is referred to as a bird who covers us with sheltering feathers (Psalms 17:8, 57:1, 91:4). Jesus says that he longs to gather the people of Jerusalem as a hen gathers her chicks (Luke 13:34). Out of all the prophets, Isaiah in particular uses the image of a human mother to describe God's care for us (Isaiah 42:14, 49:15, 66:13). The prophet Hosea also portrays God as a mother bear passionately defending her cubs (Hosea 13:8).

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Pomodoros Cafe. See Vera Crumley for more information about today's lunch outing.

"Going Back to the Roots": Sunday Morning Class in May

Spring is here, buds are unfolding in showers of color, and the soil is soft and ready for planting. What better time to go back to the roots, to humankind's first vocation to "till and keep" the garden? This month, join Pastor Kim for our 9:30 AM Sunday morning class as we explore what Genesis and other scriptures have to say about our relationship to the earth and all its creatures. We will explore the meaning of biblical (and often controversial) concepts such as dominion, the command to "fill the earth and subdue it," what to eat (and what not to eat), and our relationship to all creatures great and small. We will also look at the impact of "the Fall" with a view toward restoration and renewal.

MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank this Tuesday, May 14 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Guatemalan-Themed May Fellowship Luncheon

Come join us after worship on Sunday, May 19, for our monthly fellowship luncheon. May is all about Guatemala, and Susan Maveety will bring us up to date on what is happening with our long standing Presbyterian mission in that place. The church will provide a Guatemalan-themed meal, and you are invited to contribute a dessert. Desserts of all nationalities are welcome! Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or (704) 219-1893.

Worship Arts Team

Do you have a creative eye? Have you ever thought about applying your creative insight to worship? For example, if you were told that our worship theme for Lent was going to be "wilderness," what ideas might you have for how we might decorate the sanctuary? The Worship Committee is seeking to form a worship arts team that would help come up with creative ideas for decorating our worship spaces for special liturgical occasions like Lent, Pentecost, and Advent. Interested in finding out more? Contact Laura Brown at (828) 335-6000 or llbrown888@gmail.com.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, May 19 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, May 15.

Calendar

Sun	12	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)
Wed	15	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	19	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 May 12, 2019
 11 o'clock



"Mary: from the End to the Beginning"
 Second in the Series:



"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord' ..."
 John 20:18