

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Online Worship Bulletin

May 10, 2020

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God's abiding love.

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, on this day of the festival of the Christian Home, the celebration of Mother's Day, the witness to the eternal love of Christ, remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other. We are called to lift up rather than tear down; to support rather than abandon, to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* attributed to: John Calvin

***I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only Trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee, from our hearts all cares to take.***

***Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place;
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.***

***Thou art the life by which alone we live
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. For many there is a celebration of Mother's Day and all that our mothers have given to us and

taught us; but for some, these memories are too painful, of those who could not parent, who were afflicted. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort.

On this Mother's Day Sunday, this Festival of the Christian, help us to make our home in you. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-14

SERMON *You're Already There*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the gospel which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

by: Harry Emerson Fosdick

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

CHARGE & BLESSING

Today's written prayers are Nancy C. Townley for the *ministrymatters.com* website.