



May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Merideth Sanders

Audrey Mieir

"His Name Is Wonderful"

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus My Lord.
He is the mighty King. Master of ev'rything.
His name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord

He's the great Shepherd the Rock of all ages.
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him;
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, our Lord. 2X

"Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about the good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O sisters let's go down, down to the river to pray,

O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray,

O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray,

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Lanny Wolfe

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. 2X

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ron Tingle

Reading: A Mother's Day Affirmation Beth Johnson

PRELUDE

"The Gift of Love"
Diane Combs, organ

arr. Janet Linker

*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

Leader: Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

People: Our God, loving, nurturing.

Leader: In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

**People: Trusting in God,
we continually offer our praise!**

*OPENING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" #14

**1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, unison

**Dear God, We gather on Mother's day, remembering our mothers
and those who nurtured our lives. We thank you for those who
have modeled your care for us with encouragement, patience
and love. We are also sorry for those times when we have failed
to follow their example. We have failed to share your care and
compassion to others. Forgive us. Send your Spirit to teach us
how to care as you do so that we may offer your light and life to
others. For we pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

:: A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER & REFLECTION ::

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, in unison —

from A Declaration of Faith

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.

**By the Spirit, God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel.
By the Spirit, Jesus was conceived, baptized,
and empowered.**

**By the Spirit, the risen Christ is present with his church.
We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life,
the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people,
the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.
The Holy Spirit renews the community of faith.
Israel did not cease to be God's people.**

Yet out of Israel a new people was formed.

**The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus.
Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness
the new thing God had done in Christ.**

**They began to experience in their fellowship
a new quality of common life.**

**We believe that by the power of the same Spirit
the church can be set on its way again,
even when it seems beyond hope of renewal.**

**We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings.
We are faithful to the reformers of the past.**

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: "Rise Up and Call Her Blessed" Pepper Choplin
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 66:8-20 *Beth Johnson*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 14:15-21

SERMON: "God's Nurse Navigator"
Rev. Dr. Jody Welker, Bridge Interim Pastor

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE 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.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" #366

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us they humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Prayer" Carole Sager, David Foster
Merry Matlock, Andrea Croskery, Kate Bailey

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "Trust and Obey" Sammis & Towner

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

**CHORUS: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**



2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

**CHORUS: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey. **CHORUS**

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by this side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey. **CHORUS**

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
"Go In the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard
Go in the Grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
And believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

POSTLUDE "Go Out With Joy" Mary McDonald
Diane Combs

** Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.*



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"We love because he first loved us."
— 1 John 4:19

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If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.