

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

May 10, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Mother's Day

WELCOME

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR MOTHERS

God, our Heavenly Parent, on this day we celebrate and honor our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and others who have been like mothers to us. We mourn with those who are missing their mothers and loved ones. We grieve with those for whom this day is difficult, for those who have lost a child, or are unable to have children. We remember that You are our Parent, Creator of Us All, and in Your image we are beautifully made. May we worship You today as we celebrate together. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mothers come in many different forms,
And today we celebrate them all.

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven
And whom we miss dearly here on Earth,

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night
To raise her children right now,

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting,
But aren't quite mothers yet,

Thank God for soon-to-be mothers.

For the women who took in others' children
Through adoption and foster care,

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death
And still must carry on,

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

We thank You, Lord, for all the women
Who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

HYMN

Faith of Our Mothers

ST. CATHERINE

*Faith of our mothers, living still; in cradle song and bed-time prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love, thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith! We will be true to thee to death.*

*Faith of our mothers, loving faith; fount of our childhood's trust and grace.
O may thy consecration prove - source of a finer, nobler race.
Faith of our mothers, living faith! We will be true to thee to death.*

*Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, for youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way, thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, living faith! We will be true to thee to death.*

*Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church, and breathe thy spirit through our deeds.
Faith of our mothers, living faith! We will be true to thee to death.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in whom we move and have our being, You know us, love us, and sustain us. We praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your care. You created the world and all that is in it. You knitted us together in our mother's womb. You made us male and female in Your image.

We confess that we have gone astray, lost in our sin. Like the woman who lost her gold coin, You came looking for us. You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be one of us. He spoke of Your love, healed the sick, cared for the poor, and welcomed the outcast. He longed to gather us under his wings like a mother hen gathers her chicks. He gave up his life so that we may be found in You.

Gracious God, today we especially thank You for mothers: for their care and nurture, for love and support, wisdom and sacrificial giving; for tears and smiles, encouragement and correction. Thank You that in such love we see a reflection of Your own love for us.

Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your great love and truth. Anoint us with Your Spirit's power that we may witness to You, serve You, and love Your people and world. To the glory of God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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, Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we give You these gifts today knowing that You are the God of Great Gifts. You care for us constantly. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do: the work of the Church, and the care for those who are in need. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 1:8-21
Acts 16:9-15

SERMON

Dr. Van Cleef
"Shiphrah and Puah: Two Unsung Heroes of the Bible"

HYMN

Lord, We Thank You for the Mothers

HYMN TO JOY

*Lord, we thank You for the mothers by whose faith we come to Thee,
Who reflect Your grace and mercy. In their faces, You, we see.
Honor mothers, God commands us. Show respect and loving care.
Instruments You made to guide us, mothers who Christ's love do share.*

*Through the ages, leading forward, Moms who serve to glorify.
Eve's firstborn starts all the races. Child in pain sparks Hagar's cry.
Hannah's prayers and Mary's song – tell acceptance of God's will.
King of grace and peace and patience, these the lessons mothers tell.*

*Lord, we thank You for the mothers who have brought us forth on Earth,
Giving life that we may worship Savior born of Virgin birth.
All created by Holy Maker. Workmanship beyond compare.
For the gift of moms, we thank You. Praise to You, we do declare.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!

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