

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
May 9, 2021 – The Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season
Mother's Day
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

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

Thank You, Dear Lord, for our mothers;

Who were brave enough to give birth;

Who loved through many growing-up years;

Who taught about God and love and being good;

Who often got no thanks;

Whose ears could hear the slightest cry;

Whose eyes didn't miss much, either!

Whose hands held and bathed and picked up;

Whose heart was often broken;

Who always forgave and forgot;

Who encouraged when things went bad;

Who always had time to listen;

Who worked so hard to make things go;

Who made the world so much better;

Who deserve our love on Mother's Day

And every day, even for eternity. Amen.

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.
Even'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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O Creating God who loved us into being, we, Your children, praise You.
When we fall, You lift us up; when we fail, You restore us; when we are
wounded, You nurse us; when we grieve, You weep with us; when we celebrate,
You laugh with us. But sometimes, we don't reach out to You; we are
embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to You at any
and all times of our lives, we pray. 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.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

The following Scripture excerpts will be read in the context of the sermon:

Genesis 4:1-2, 8; 5:3-4

Exodus 2:1-4

1 Samuel 1:25-28

2nd Timothy 1:3-5

John 19:25

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON “Mothers from the Bible” Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.*

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day

Today is the day we honor mothers as well as all women who have had an influence on our lives and the loves of children. That includes grandmothers, aunts, cousins, coaches, teachers, Scout leaders, babysitters, and anyone else whom we may have forgotten.

As you leave church today, all women are encouraged to take one of the pink carnations from the vase on the Communion Table.

Thank you, ladies, for all that you do for God's Creation!

The Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the Presbyterian Church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Cardboard banks, for those who wish to use them, are available on a table next to the offering plate. A bulletin insert in this morning's bulletin will give an example of people who benefitted from this offering in years past. The offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Thank you for your generosity.

Women's Choir

Our Women's Choir will rehearse today immediately after our Service of Worship, and will sing at a Service in late May.

We would love to have some more women join us. You don't have to sing like a Broadway star – just be able to match pitch. Please see Pastor Ann.

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