

Mother's Day
May 12, 2019
Ocean Shores United Methodist Church

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Proverbs 8):

Leader: Wisdom calls out, understanding raises her voice!

People: **Come in, all who seek wisdom!**

Leader: On the heights, at the crossroads, she takes her stand

People: **Come in, all who seek knowledge!**

Leader: Beside the gates, at the entrance she cries out

People: **Come in, all who seek insight!**

Leader: Hear her words, for she speaks the truth:

People: **Come in, all who seek righteousness and justice.**

ALL: **Come in, and let us worship the Lord!**

HYMN OF PRAISE*

"GOD OF THE WOMEN"
("Be Thou My Vision")

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Prince of Peace, we confess to You that our actions do not always reflect Your ways. When we have been wronged, instead of forgiveness at times we seek revenge. When we feel left out, instead of seeking understanding at times we judge. When we see injustice, at times our own actions are unjust. Forgive us, O God, when we seek our own ways and not Your ways. Hold us to the path of peace, justice and reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, when we insist on our own way, our old understandings and comfortable interpretations, rather than opening our heart to You, who gave Your life for us. In the name of Christ, our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from Luke 1:78-79):

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Christ calls us on the path to peace. All who have been on the highway of violence are welcomed into the pathway of peace; all who have been lost are welcomed into the ways of reconciliation. Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. Amen.

HYMN

WORDS OF WISDOM

Proverbs 8:1-3, 22-9:6

SERMON

THE CHALLENGE AND BEAUTY OF MOTHER'S DAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY* "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" UMH 94

DEDICATION

O God, you have become our light and our salvation -
let these gifts open the gates of joy
to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence
on this and every day.

May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear,
and give away with great joy.

We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

"THE GIFT OF LOVE"

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SHALOM TO YOU*

(Please form a circle and hold hands)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you,
my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your
Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.