

MOTHER'S DAY
May 9, 2021
Ocean Shores United Methodist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

"JESUS LOVES ME"

CALL TOW 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.

THE GOSPEL

John 15

SERMON

A RED ROCKING MOOSE
THE REV. RONALD MYERS

HYMN

LOVING SPIRIT

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

"THE GIFT OF LOVE"

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BENEDICTION

Do not look for the risen Jesus only here,
in the confines of this church building.

**We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the streets,
in all the pathways and byways of our lives.**

Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar –
We know that Resurrection makes all things new!

Do not cling to all the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, Spirit,
but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:
Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!

Christ is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia and amen!