

Sunday Worship Service on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022

Welcome

Prelude "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" *Peter Lutkin*
"Trumpet Tune" *David German*

Greeting God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

Question of the Day What characteristics of God are like a mother?

*Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*Prayer of Invocation

Great God, nourish us by your Word and Spirit, that we may join the heavenly chorus singing your praises while being of some earthly good to those who cannot hear the joyful sounds. Amen.

*Hymn #707 *UMH* "Hymn of Promise"

Acts 9:36-43 *New Revised Standard Version*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas [*which means 'a gazelle'*]. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hymn #2119 *FWS* "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

Revelation 7:9-17 *New Revised Standard Version*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Response: *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

Time of Prayer

How Is It With Your Soul?

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you.

Time of Silent Prayer

Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. With Jesus Christ we pray together:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Answer to the Question of the Day What characteristics of God are like a mother?

Time of Offering *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

***Offering Prayer**

Holy God, accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Song of Offering #674 UMH** “See the Morning Sun Ascending”

Message “What Our Clothes Say About Us” Rev. Joyce Rich

***Blessing**

God’s salvation has come to us. **Alleluia!**

Go to praise and honor God as praying, caring people.

Let good works and charity abound.

We will praise and honor God forever and ever.

Amen. **And Amen.**

***Hymn #88 UMH** “Maker, in Whom We Live”

Announcements

Read For Next Week: Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-8

Postlude “You Shall Go Out With Joy” *Douglas E. Wagner*

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