



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
May 14, 2017  
10:00 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

"Waltz in A Flat" Chopin

WELCOME

Pastor Jim Wallace

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION (responsive)

Kelcie Anderson, Liturgist

In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge.

**Let me never be put to shame; deliver me  
in your righteousness.**

Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue.

**Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to  
save me.**

Since you are my rock and my fortress,

**For the sake of your name lead and guide  
me.**

Free me from the trap that is set for me.

**For you are my refuge.**

Into your hands I commit my spirit;

**Redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the  
Lord.

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**\*PRAISE GOD WITH SONG #12**

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

**\*PRAYER LEADING TO NEW LIFE AND NEW BEGINNINGS**

Holy God, whose labor gave birth to a universe, we give you thanks on this new day, a day in which we honor our mothers, through whom you brought us into the world, and for all the other women who have been your instruments of love and nurture in our lives. Thank you for the abundance of love you have poured into their hearts. Thank you for moms who called us to take our first steps, just as you would later call us to walk in the way of faith. Thank you for those women of faith who first shared with us the truths of your word. Thank you for strong women who modeled life's possibilities, and for wise women who helped us overcome our fears.

And now Lord, forgive us for those times when we have taken our mothers for granted, when we have ignored or dishonored them, when we have failed to pray for them. Please give us, all of us, a fresh start. Renew our spirits, supply extra measures of stamina and humor, and help us communicate just how much our mothers have meant, and continue to mean to us. Finally, we pray for those mothers we name silently in our hearts.....

**\*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Know that God hears our prayers, answers our prayers, and provides full and complete forgiveness when we open our hearts to him. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING #623** "Gloria Patri"

**DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!**

In the name of the Prince of Peace, please greet and welcome those around you with peace. The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

**WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD WITHIN THE WORDS**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Peter 2: 2-10, p. 1888

ANTHEM "Chariot's Comin'!"  
Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING  
Acts 7: 51-60, page 1704

LISTENING FOR THE WORD PROCLAIMED  
"Stephen Had A Mother"  
Rev. Tim Jantos

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*PRAISE GOD WITH SONG #283**  
"We Are God's People"

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS TO GOD**

OFFERTORY "Hallelujah"  
Neil Krieske, pianist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*PRAISE GOD WITH SONG #282**  
"The Family of God"

**\*BLESSING**

SENDING MUSIC "The Trophy" Couperin

\*Those who are able may stand.