

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Easter

May 11, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*The old, old song is made new in our hearts: Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!  
Lord of the Dance, our new songs are lifted to you. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Tim Wasson

\*INTROIT #616

***“Our God Is an Awesome God” (2x)***

Minchin, 1990

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all.

***Thank God for mothers!***

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

***Thank God for my mother!***

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth,

***Thank God for mothers we have known.***

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

***Thank God for mothers with hearts so big.***

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

***Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.***

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

***We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.***

\*HYMN #239

***“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”***

Alington, 1931

CALL TO CONFESSION

Day by day, God wants to lead us to the places of hope and healing, yet we continue to follow sin down all the wrong paths. Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who can restore us to wholeness. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We know all too well where to find the wrong paths that lead only to foolish lives and repeated mistakes. Stirring up the waters of trouble comes all too easily to us, we confess.***

***And locking the doors of our hearts so we don't have to love others is second nature to us. Please forgive us, Holy Gatekeeper. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, as you anoint us with healing oil. May we share from our abundance with all who hunger for life. May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to the places of service and life with you forever. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Holy One leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

***We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. All thanks and praise be to God! Amen.***

\*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.***

#579

ANTHEM

***“In the Bulb There is a Flower”  
May Hymn of the Month***

Chancel Choir

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98

Bibles, p.521 / LG. p. 678

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #637

***“O Sing to the Lord”***

Brazilian Folk Song

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 15: 9-17

Bibles, p.103 / LG. p.134

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

***“Your Joy May Be Complete”***

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***“The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humanity, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be***

*appropriate to the needs of the time.” This, we believe. Amen. – The Confession of 1967 9.36*

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## *Sending*

\*HYMN #838      “*Standing on the Promises*” (v 1 – 3)      Carter, 1886

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #838      “*Standing on the Promises*” (v 4)      Carter, 1886

POSTLUDE      Selected

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

The flowers given to each of the ladies this morning are given to the glory of God, in gratitude for the wonderful women of this church who have been influenced by women, shared their love and their talents through several generations, and in doing so, have nurtured our minds, bodies, and spirits. Thanks be to God for all the women who have "mothered" us.

**This week's prayers and concerns** Joanna Kim and family on the death of her son Tobias, Debbie Murphy, Bob Hays, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Neil & Mariella Pennal, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, and the staff and leadership of Grace Presbytery.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	05/11	8:30-9:30a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Wed.	05/14	4:30-5:30p.m.	Kids for God
Thurs.	05/15	2:00p.m.	L.E.A.N. Meeting
Thurs.	05/15	6:30p.m.	Session Meeting
Sat.	05/17	Hallway Doors Work Day & Clean Out Day	

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# “Love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12



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