

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

May 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

OPENING REFLECTION

"Whatever your hand finds to do -- do it with all of your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God the Father: The Source of All Being

Hymnal #16

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SONG *This is My Father's World*

#17

GOD DRAWS US NEAR

UNISON PRAYER

This day we gather with eager hearts, hungry for your Word, yearning for the joy you promise in love. O God, together we hold a vision of your kingdom, a people of prayer and open hearts, a loving Body of Christ eager to learn and eager to share. You bless us, O God, and shine upon us with the mercy of your salvation.

On this day of celebrating your love, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers.

May your blessing pour out upon those who gave us birth, and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.

We praise you, Heavenly Father, as our Perfect Parent, an example for us all. You are gentle and tender, strong and uplifting, kind and true. You have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children.

We pray today for women everywhere who struggle this day. We pray comfort for those who desire children yet have none, for mothers who have lost children, and for those whose children are wayward, or who go to bed hungry. We pray for each person here whose mother is ill or infirm, or has passed on from this life.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have nurtured us and

** All who are able, please stand

who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you. Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 5:8–20 (Pew Bible OT p. 617)

DISCIPLE'S MOMENT *"Showing Mom our Love"*

**SONG *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*

#687

MINISTRY MOMENT

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER ('...forgive us our sins')

GLORIA PATRI (#704)

SECOND READING Psalm 128 (Pew Bible OT p. 573)

SERMON *"A Labor of Love"*

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*How can I find new ways to take delight in my work and enjoy it?
How can I see what I do each day as an opportunity to be a blessing to those around me?*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Carrie Johnson

**THE DOXOLOGY (#706)

**PRAYER OF BLESSING

**SONG *Go Forth for God*

#517

**BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Hard Day's Night (see insert)* Carrie & Cameron

Happy Mother's Day!