

PRELUDE, GATHERING, *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* 386
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - *space for notes on insert (A)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *by Rev. Danyelle Ditmer <https://littlepeoplebigword.wordpress.com>*

*Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.*
Our God, loving, nurturing.
*In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.*
**Trusting in God,
we continually offer our praise!**

HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* **463**

PRAYER *by Rev. Danyelle Ditmer <https://littlepeoplebigword.wordpress.com>*

**God of our salvation, by the guidance of your Spirit
rekindle in us the sincere faith of Christ
through the reading and proclaiming of the Word
that we may guard this treasure and share it with others, too,
so the faith that has passed from the apostles
and now lives in us
may come to life in every new generation. Amen**

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

PSALM 1

¹ *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers,
² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,*
On his law they meditate day and night.
³ *They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season; their leaves do not wither.*
In all that they do, they prosper.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 1:3-7

SPECIAL

Julie and Lily

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

<https://www.churchofengland.org>
from mothering-sunday-online-service-pdf

*Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children. Lord, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.
*You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.*

Christ have mercy.
*You hear us when we cry for help.
We ignore the cries of others. Lord, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.
{silent prayers}

*May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.
Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.
**God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR *Blessed Assurance* **369**

SERMON

HYMN *God of the Women* **Gillette**
lyrics on insert (B) using tune 451

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *extra space for notes on insert (A)*

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY *on insert (C)*
THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

by Carol Penner "Leading in Worship"
as re-shared by <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>

God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today
knowing that you are the Father of gifts.
You mother us constantly
providing for us, caring for us.
As we have been abundantly provided for,
so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do,
the work of the church,
the care for those who are poor.
Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN *O Church of God, United* **547**

PRAYER & SENDING

Mother's Union Liturgy

Theme: Called to Mother in a Broken World

*May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us for the Christian life.*

*May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.*

*May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care,
send us out to live and work for others.*

*And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.*

Amen

POSTLUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed* **714**

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May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary
Year B – Seventh Sunday of Easter; May 12, 2024*

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Scriptures

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

Psalms 1

John 17:6-19

Questions for Reflection:

In the first chapter of Acts, when the eleven seek to replace Judas with a new apostle, they ask God to reveal who that should be by casting lots.

How do you think God's will is revealed to us today?

Is it revealed in more than one way?

Morning Prayers:

Holy One, thank you for the ability
to begin my day in prayer.

Guide my path today.

No matter what happens,

help me to feel that I belong to you,

and bring me home to you at the end of the day.

Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Loving God, thank you for claiming me as your own.

I have been in the world all day,

but I also know that I am in you.

Give me the grace to let go of this day

and entrust it to your care.

Be with me as I sleep this night

and continue to sanctify me in your embrace. Amen.

(D)

Calendar and Prayer Notes

*It would be helpful to have additional persons willing to do copying,
to make sure we have someone if one person is away.*

*ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,
please let us know.*

Calendar Notes

Wednesdays – Zoom fellowship hour and open discussion, 7pm

Thursday, May 16 – WCUMC Trustees meeting, 7 pm.

*Saturday, May 18 – Flint Hill Church is offering a free spaghetti dinner
(donations accepted) followed by Gospel Bluegrass music
presented by the GOSPEL RIDGE BLUEGRASS BAND out
of Gettysburg, PA. Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm followed
by an hour or so of Gospel Bluegrass Music in the sanctuary
beginning at 5:45 – If you would like to join them for dinner,
please respond to circuitrider.rodfray@gmail.com*

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 26 – Peace with Justice Sunday.

WCUMC Meal after Worship - Mission Team

May 29-31 – Annual Conference

If there are other calendar notes, please email the pastor...

Prayer Concern Notes

***What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do during 2024?***

(A)

God of the Women

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("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.*

Tune: Traditional Irish melody ("Be Thou My Vision")

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(B)

Mother's Day Litany

*For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
may we show them reverence and love,
We pray to the Lord...*

{silent prayers}

*For mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and may their family and friends support and console them,
We pray to the Lord...*

{silent prayers}

*For women who, though without children of their own,
like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
We pray to the Lord...*

{silent prayers}

*For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
We pray to the Lord...*

{silent prayers}

*Loving Mother God, like an earthly mother
who gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.*

{silent prayers}

Bless every Christian mother.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

~ written by Donna M. Cox

in *Mother's Day: Music and Worship Resources*.

Posted on The African American Lectionary website.

<http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/>

(C)