

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *Mothers' Day*

May 13, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

### ***Thought for Contemplation***

“Here is what spiritual maturity would include - Strength and courage: not easily swayed by others’ opinions, confident in your relationship with God; Kind and generous: looking out more for the needs of others than your own, freely giving whatever you have to give; Aware of your own weaknesses: conscious of your own humanity, willing to allow God and others to bring you correction as needed; Flexible emotionally: able to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, able to express human emotions when appropriate; Response to trouble: you respond with honesty, willing to bring the big questions to God Himself, and to accept help from others; Live with integrity: you do what you say and say what you do, without any hidden agenda. If you knew someone like this, wouldn’t you enjoy being around them? We all have our growing up to do. It’s only God’s grace that makes it all possible. If you’re not there yet, don’t quit. Just determine to allow God to continue to grow in you.”

*Carol Tanksley*

### **God Invites Us to Worship**

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Gaelic Air* Chapman

### **We Offer Praise**

CALL TO WORSHIP

MOTHERS’ DAY PRAYER

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* HYMN *Sing a New Song* Insert

### **God Speaks with a Heart of Love**

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Petker  
Praise Ringers

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

*(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

GOSPEL LESSON *John 17:6-19* p. 879

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Ephesians 1:15-23* p. 949

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Paul, the Letter Writer*  
Pastor Larry De Vuyst

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter  
Chancel Choir

\* DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* Insert

### **2018 Confirmation Class**

Introduction

Faith Statements

Constitutional Questions

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively) Based on Faith Statements of  
the 2018 Confirmation Class

Students & Partners: I believe that faith is trusting in the Lord to  
guide you through life.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Students & Partners: I believe in God, and that He is there when His  
people are struggling.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Students & Partners: I believe that the Church is important because it  
is a place where we can worship God and be ourselves.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Students & Partners: Let us all be open, fair, and respectful, and truly  
accepting of other people.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Students & Partners: As members of the Church, we will serve, teach,  
and help others as Jesus did.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Students & Partners: We will follow Him in our faith journey always!

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

### **God Sends Us Out to Serve**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* # 339

\* BENEDECTION

*Pardoned by God's abundant grace, empowered by God's constant love, and protected by God's peace, let us go forth to serve God and others, always humbly aware of our own shortcomings, but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory and power, now and forever. Amen.*

\* POSTLUDE *Jubilant Peal* Helman  
Praise Ringers

\* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS