

Celebration of Worship

Mothers' Day / Youth Sunday

May 14, 2017

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 Reflection

“Christ says, Give all! I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work; I want you. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked – the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you myself; my own will shall become yours.”

C.S. Lewis

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Ave Maria (Arcadelt)* Liszt

OPENING WORDS

* *Please stand, if you are able*

+ *Found on the screen*

* HYMN *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* # 465

DANCE Lindsey Oliver & Sienna Petrino

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 5th Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)

LITANY OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

+ NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *I Peter 2:2-10* p. 984

+ GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:1-14* The Message

* SONG *Make Me a Servant* Back cover

MEDITATION *Travel Plans*
High School Seniors

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

We believe in the Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of possibility.

We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life.

We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully. We believe that the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty, and work for justice and freedom.

We believe that we are Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

* HYMN *At the Name of Jesus* # 148

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Gift of Love* arr. Carter

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

* HYMN *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* # 399
(Tune: Amazing Grace)

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE *On Our Way Rejoicing* arr. Carlson