

May 12, 2024

**Ascension
and Mother's Day**

**Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist Church**



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Prelude

Andante in F Major

Louis Lefébure-Wély



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Welcome, Happy Morning!

Adult Choir

Frances R. Havergal

Prayer of Invitation

Adapt. from UM Book of Worship No. 438:
Book of Blessings USA, 20th cent., alt.

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

For mothers

who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support
and console them,

we pray to the Lord...

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

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...

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment
to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love
shine forth.

***Grant that we, their children,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

Passing of the Peace

Let us greet each other
in the name of the Risen Christ.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

“Hymn of Promise”

Hymn No. 707

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
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***In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!***

*In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

***In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.***

*In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Children's Handbell Choir

Hymn No. 405

Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward
as parents are comfortable.

Please note that those who come forward
may be visible on the livestream.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Laudate Dominum

Adult Choir,

with soloist Janelle Tangonan-Anderson

W.A. Mozart

Offertory Response

Hymn No. 92 vs 6

*For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Prayer of Blessing

“Our Parent, by Whose Name”

Hymn No. 447

WORDS: F. Bland Tucker, 1939; alt.

MUSIC: John David Edwards, ca. 1838

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***Our Parent, by whose name
all parenthood is known,
who in your love proclaim
each family your own:***

*direct all parents, guarding well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which
your people dwell.*

***O Jesus, who, a child
within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled
did to adulthood come:***

*our children bless in every place,
that they may all behold your face,
and knowing you
may grow in grace.*

***Blest Spirit, who can bind
our hearts in unity,
and teach us so to find
the love from self set free:***

*in all our hearts such love increase
that every home, by this release,
may be the dwelling
place of peace.*

Congregational Prayer

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... *hear our prayer.*

Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:26-27

26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Sermon

“Sacred the Body”

TFWS No. 2228

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1 Cor. 3:16; 13:4-7)

MUSIC: W. Daniel Landes

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***Sacred the body
God has created,
temple of Spirit
that dwells deep inside.***

***Cherish each person;
nurture creation.
Treat flesh as holy,
that love may abide.***

***Bodies are varied,
made in all sizes,
pale, full of color,
both fragile and strong.***

*Holy the difference,
gift of the Maker,
so let us honor
each story and song.*

***Love respects persons,
bodies and boundaries.
Love does not batter,
neglect, or abuse.***

***Love touches gently,
never coercing.
Love leaves the other
with power to choose.***

*Holy of holies,
God ever loving,
make us your temples;
indwell all we do.*

***May we be careful,
tender and caring,
so may our bodies
give honor to you.***

Benediction

Choral Response

Benediction

Adult Choir

Garry A. Cornell

Postlude

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Go in Peace.

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