

Sunday, May 11, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

TODAY'S FOCUS: JESUS: John talks about “the great ordeal,” and those who have been purified “by the blood of the Lamb.” What is the ordeal and how does this purification take place?

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin**

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #304 “Easter People Raise Your Voices”

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

***CALL TO WORSHIP — Liturgist**

One: Blessed are the mothers who sacrificed for us,

Many: for they will be rewarded.

One: Blessed are the mothers who lost sleep when we were sick,

Many: for they will find rest.

One: Blessed are the mothers who taught us how to pray,

Many: for they will share God's kingdom.

One: Blessed are the mothers who comforted us,

Many: for they will be comforted.

One: Blessed are the mothers who taught us right from wrong,

Many: for they will know justice.

One: Blessed are the mothers who taught us to be peacemakers,

Many: for they shall know peace.

One: Blessed are the mothers who showed us the importance of loving God and each other,

Many: for they shall see God!

"Beatitudes For Mothers" by an unknown author.

SPECIAL MUSIC — Praise Band “God is Good All the Time”

CHILDREN'S STORY —

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

MESSAGE "Hunger No More" Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN	UMH #292	“What Wond’rous Love Is This”
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1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss o bear this dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear this dreadful curse for my soul.

2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that cause the lord of life to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Liturgist

ALL: God of grace, we ask that you accept our offerings of love and our commitment to nurture all your children with the love of Christ. May our gifts this morning show our acceptance of your blessings and your loving care for us. Use these gifts to change hearts, to change lives, and to change the dire circumstances in which some of your children live. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

ALL: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #733 "Marching to Zion"

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

REFRAIN: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

REFRAIN

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

REFRAIN

4. The let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

REFRAIN

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke Toomey

Offertory—Anneke Toomey

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Special Music — Praise Band "God is Good All the Time"

Liturgist —

Accomp.—Anneke Toomey

Song Leader— Shelly Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children's Message—