

**“Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:”
Proverbs 31:28**



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**Mother's Day
May 9, 2021**

***Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:
Look under “Updates” on our site to join online
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).
When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.
On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself.
If asked for a password, enter 3410.***

Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

Many: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

One: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

Many: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

One: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

Many: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

Hymn #487 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Prayer of Confession:

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"Gloria Patri"*

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also, with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer of Illumination

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Scripture: *John 15:9-17*

Sermon: John Rawlings, Commissioned Pastor

Hymn #376 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Checks may be mailed to the church or donate online.

Response of Praise *"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication:

Take our gifts, Composing God, and weave a song of healing for the broken, of nourishment for the hungry, of hope for those who despair, and peace for those torn by violence. We sing our praises, as we offer our treasures, as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #343 *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

Charge and Benediction