

**Order of Worship:
May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day**

PRELUDE

Music by Judy Brist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING CHORUS

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

*Set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; do not let us ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver us. You are indeed our rock and our fortress; for your name's sake lead us and guide us, Take us out of the net that is hidden for us, for you are our refuge. Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God promises that if we ask, we will receive. Jesus tells us to believe in him so that our hearts will not be troubled. We do not need to languish in guilt or regret or shame. We can come in faith, trusting God's grace and mercy, confess our sin, be forgiven and freed to live in joy. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

All: Lord, we confess that we cover our ears to your commandments, choosing instead to carry out plans that cause suffering and inflict pain on others. We neglect to heed your instructions to care for the vulnerable and uphold the weak. Out of fear and selfishness we grab and hoard resources meant to be shared and distributed. In this season of uncertainty, we are tempted to seek control through self-protection rather than surrendering ourselves to you and trusting your promise to never abandon us. Forgive our unwillingness to listen to your Word and do your work. Hear our confession and grant us mercy. Amend our ways and help us to walk more closely with you.

(Silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(1 Peter 2:10)

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Verse 1

**A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

Verse 2

**And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

Verse 3

**That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May our faithful discipleship ease our troubled hearts and perpetuate the love of the One in whose name we pray, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC
“Shine On Us”

Sherry and Mario Friedel

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 31: 1-5; 15 & 16

Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13: 31 – 14:4 The New Commandment

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and will glorify Him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you have denied me three times.

Jesus the Way to the Father

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know, the way to the place where I am going.

SERMON **“Peace for the Troubled Soul”**

Rev. Ken Ribe

SPECIAL MUSIC **Duet: Claire and Jessica Folson**

“In the Bulb There Is A Flower”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(Romans 8:38-39)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

COMMISSION