

Woodbury United Methodist Church

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

PRELUDE

Clair de Lune
Christopher Shay, keyboard

Debussy

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth
led by Congregational Collage
6th verse composed by Rick Richardson

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For our beloved WUMC, friends and family far and near,
we'll get through COVID, wait and see, love will soon be spoken here;
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

OPENING PRAYER

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*
based on Psalm 31, 1 Peter 2

JoAnn Behlman, Liturgist

We gather today, O God, our guide and guardian, remembering those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We give you thanks for homes that accepted us and affirmed us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build

us into a spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

You Raise Me Up
Youth Choir Collage – A Mother's Day Gift

Josh Groban

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

JoAnn Behlman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by: JoAnn Behlman

Lessons for the 5th Sunday of Easter
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)
The Living Stone and a Chosen People

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “a stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.

John 14:1-14 (NRSV)
Jesus the Way to the Father

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there 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.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>His Eye Is on the Sparrow</i> Kate Keeler, soloist	Martin/Gabriel
SERMON	<i>Greater Works than These</i>	Rev. Thomason
MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Rescue</i> Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler	Lauren Daigle
BENEDICTION		Rev. Thomason
POSTLUDE	<i>You Are the Light of the World</i> Kate Keeler, soloist	Stephen Schwartz