

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Hallelujah! **Hallelujah!**

This coming Sunday, May 10, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. We will also be celebrating Mother's Day! We will be focusing on God as a Mother who protects us and cares for us. In addition, we will meet Mary again and consider what it might have meant for her to be the mother of Jesus in the Resurrection and the Ascension. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to reflect on God's identity as Mother to all. Then reflect on what it means for God to be *your* mother. Imagine her giving birth to you. Imagine her raising you. Imagine her loving you with the fierceness that a mother has for her child.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/, subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Deuteronomy*:

*As an eagle stirs up its nest
and hovers over its young,
as it spreads its wings, takes them up,
and bears them aloft on its pinions,
the Lord alone guided him;
no foreign god was with him.
He set him atop the heights of the land
and fed him with produce of the field;
he nursed him with honey from the crags,
with oil from flinty rock,
curds from the herd, and milk from the flock.*

In Christ and with Love,

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