



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Last week I shared the news that Arletta Schaefer joined the Resurrection and is basking in the glorious presence of God. We are still pending full information on her memorial service, but her family has asked us to save the date of July 10.

This coming Sunday, May 9, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It's also Mothers' Day! We will be focusing on God as a Mother who cares for us and listens to our prayers. 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 Sunday. This means that you are welcome to join us in person in the sanctuary and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you do join us in person, please refer to the mitigation measures that we are following.

If you are able to access technology for virtual 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/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before 10:30 AM CST.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM CST. We will also post a recording of the service later in the day.

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

I leave you with these words from *Isaiah*:

God says,

“As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

In Christ and With Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem