

OOW First Church in Pembroke

Sunday May 14th, 2023

5th Sunday after Easter

Mother's Day

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.” (Genesis 3:20 & 1 Peter 3:4)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Precious children, the words of your Savior are ascribed to you: For just as a hen gathers her chicks so is the caring of the Lord towards his children.

C: May his mighty arm of righteousness forever enfold us; because we believe that God's love is patient, and God's love is kind.

P: For the motherly love he bestows to us, we are guided to love because he first loved us.

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P: On this Mother's Day, let us all remember that because “God so loved this world he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

C: May his mighty arm of righteousness forever enfold us; because we believe that God's love is patient, and God's love is kind.

ALL: Let this day and all days bring words of the Lord's unfailing love as we remain devoted to one another in the spirit of Christianity. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #251“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Loving God, and Mother of Creation,
It is written in the scriptures that because of our sinfulness, the whole creation groans and travails in pain as a mother about to give

birth to a child. It is also written that there will come a day when the creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption and into a glorious liberty. Lord, awaken our senses to this liberty! We your children try to live a meaningful life in this world, serving you with no fear and doubting. We welcome your presence among us on this Mother's Day. Let love shine through us! Let love rule in our hearts! Let us reflect on all the mothers of this world and especially those around us who continue to give and get nothing in return. Through your love and our belief in you may we always remember that you have entrusted us with the fruits of the Spirit, knowing that we are saved by hope. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 31:10-30

SERMON: 'Lemuel's Favorable Oracle' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #342“I Need Thee Every Hour”

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor your father and your mother (which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3)

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN:“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: