

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

May 8, 2016

THEME: As we celebrate our mothers, we are reminded of God's work of bringing us joy.

WORSHIP NOTE: The Sunday School youth will be doing various parts of today's worship: ushering, presenting gifts, greeting, acolyting, bell ringing, reading and sharing the children's message.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Laurel and Suzanne M. (cello and flute duet)

"Flow Gently Sweet Afton"

Ingrid H. (Piano) "Allegro in C Major"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS.....

P: We confess our sins to God and one another:

C: Gracious Lord God, we confess our sins to you, the sins in our thoughts, words and actions. You command us to love one another as You have loved us. Our love for others often misses the mark. Too often we have approached others with cold hearts. Forgive us today on account of Your Son—Jesus. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

.....AND RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my Father's name, it will be given to you." Having asked for forgiveness by confessing to the Father, now receive the forgiveness you desire. Jesus died for your sins and took on your punishment. You are forgiven. I announce God's grace and forgiveness in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with You!

C: **And also with you!**

P: We pray together:

C: **Heavenly Father, in Jesus You spoke words that weren't always received well or were misunderstood. Help me to tune my ears and my heart to hear You speak in my life.....both in the places where I need to change and hear Your hard truth and in the places where You speak encouragement and unconditional love. Open my eyes and ears to You always. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Psalm 100:1-5

God's faithfulness and love endures through all generations!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LED SONG **The Lord is My Shepherd**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I'll walk with Him always.
He leads by still waters, I'll walk with Him always.**

**Always, always, I'll walk with Him always.
Always, always, I'll walk with Him always.**

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41 *Jesus calms the storm*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Mallory Stokes and Rob Schulze**

SERMON HYMN **This is My Commandment**

**This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.**

**This is my commandment that you trust one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you trust one another,
That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.**

**This is my commandment that you serve one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you serve one another,
That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.**

SERMON **"No Ordinary Man"** **Pastor Lucke**

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

(We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 41 Do, Lord: Psalm 27

Chorus:

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember be!

Look away beyond the blue.

You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!
You're the strong-hold of my life, by You all things were made.
Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never
Fade, for I move in the strength of the Lord.

Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!
Even though a war surrounds me, you are always near.
One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for
Sure is to live in the house of the Lord.

You will hide me in your shelter in the day of strife;
You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of
Night, so I'll sing to the name of the Lord.

Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, till our race is
Won we can live in the light of the Lord.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC