

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
May 8, 2022 @ 10 AM
4th Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

Gathering Music

Welcome

A Song of Praise: *Giving Thanks to Mothers*
(tune of *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*)

Lord, we thank you for the mothers
By whose faith we come to Thee;
Who reflect Your grace and mercy
In their faces, You, we see.
Honor mothers, God commands us,
Show respect and loving care,
Instruments You made to guide us
Mothers who Christ's love doth share.

Through the ages, leading forward
Moms who serve to glorify.
Eve's firstborn starts all the races,
Child in pain sparks Hagar's cry.
Hannah's prayers and Mary's song
Tell acceptance of God's will.
King of grace and peace and patience
These the lessons mothers tell.

Lord, we thank you for the mothers
Who have brought us forth on earth.
Giving life that we may worship
Savior born of Virgin birth.
All created by Holy Maker
Workmanship beyond compare
For the gift of moms, we thank Thee
Praise to You, we do declare.

Call to Worship:

Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her
wings.

Our God, loving, nurturing.

In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

Trusting in God,

we continually offer our praise!

Opening Prayer (one voice):
Heavenly Father, We gather together to worship
You, our loving, nurturing God, who, like a
mother, knows us intimately, loves us
unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need. Praise You,
God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

A Time for Children with Sharon Riley

Baptism of Joa June DeMoss and
Dax Michael DeMoss

Worship Team Anthem

Prayers of the People

A Time of Giving

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Song of Preparation

Faith of our Mothers
(tune of *Faith of our Fathers*)

Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee to death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:25-30 [NRSV]

- ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹ “Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

This Is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message: A Godly Woman

A Song of Invitation
God We Praise You for the Women
(tune of *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

Refrain:

***God, we praise you for the women
who have taught us to be strong,
who have held us, who have raised us
with a prayer and with a song.***

Sarah laughed to hear the promise--
God would bless her with a son;
Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted
till she saw what God had done. [Refrain]

Pharaoh's daughter, like a mother,
lifted Moses from a pool,
brought him safely to the palace
where a slave would go to school. [Refrain]

Mary watched the killing madness
as her son died on the cross;
she who knew the joy of childbirth
now was torn by bitter loss. [Refrain]

As her life drew on toward evening,
after she had raised her own,
Lois held her baby grandson,
told him of God's love made known. [Refrain]

The Blessing with *The Benediction:*

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude