

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
Sunday, May 14, 2023 | 10am
6th Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Songs of Praise:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
10,000 Reasons

Call to Worship:

One: Today we celebrate our mothers,
grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who
have loved us.

Many: Thank you God for giving us mothers.

One: We remember with deep gratitude all the
ways they demonstrated their love for us.

**Many: Sometimes we did not understand
them, but we know that God understood.**

One: We take time to remember our mothers
because a mother's love is most like God's love.

**All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their
wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our
abilities, we give thanks today.**

Opening Prayer (in unison):

Loving God, we know your love because we
have mothers. We thank you for the mothers
who carried us in their wombs, nourishing,
protecting, and bringing us into the world. We
thank you for the mothers who did not give
birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With
gratitude we remember their words of
encouragement when we have felt unsure or
afraid; we thank you for their kindness when the
world has treated us unkindly; we thank you for
their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way
they kissed away our tears; we thank you that
they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness
protecting her cubs; we thank you for the times
when they corrected us rather than letting us
continue down wrong paths. Help us to live so
that their investment in us might not be in vain.
We honor our mothers with lives of service to
you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in
his Name we pray. Amen.

Choral Anthem

A Time for Children with Debbie Wallin

A Song of Preparation:
For the Beauty of the Earth, UMH 92

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-10 (NRSV)

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and
married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived
and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine
baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could
hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him
and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the
child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank
of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see
what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of
Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her
attendants walked beside the river. She saw the
basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring
it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was
crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one
of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7 Then his sister
said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a
nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for
you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the
girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's
daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for
me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman
took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew
up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he
became her son. She named him Moses, "because,"
she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?

Yes, we believe It.

Message: Jochebed—A Woman of Courage

A Time of Prayer

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 Invitation:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, UMH 361

Congregational Benedictional Song:

The Blessing

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.

Benediction

Postlude