

Sun. May 10, 2020

Waldwick UMC Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome home, people of God.

P: We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

L: Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

P: We have come to be nourished by God's word.

L: We are God's own people, and are precious in God's sight.

P: We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love. Amen!

OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

(for listening the song, Click Here → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cc0QVWzCv9k>)

OPENING PRAYER

IN UNISON

We are here today O God, our guide and guardian, remembering those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We give you thanks for homes that accept us and affirmed us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray, Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 881

Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God and Parent of All, we are grateful today to come before God as children birthed in your image, blessed offspring of your creation.

As a mother hen gathers her brood under her wing, we join today, to hear your teachings and experience your love.

We thank you indeed for the women among us and around us, in whom you have gifted the privilege and the challenge of being mothers and mother figures.

Especially we thank you this day:

- *For all mothers, everywhere - Strengthen them in the ways that they raise their children, grant them wisdom for the lessons that they teach, discernment in the ways that they discipline, and may others grant them the thanks and honor they deserve.*
- *We thank you for grandmothers, sisters, aunts, teachers, Sunday school teachers, adult mentors, big sisters, and anyone everywhere who plays a motherly role in the life of another boy, girl, or adult. Grant them to ability*

to model the example of Christ for all within their influence, that they might share the love that you have so freely shown to all of us.

- *Also, we pray for those whose mothers passed away. There may even be those for whom this is the first Mother's Day since their mother's passing. To these people, grant your peace and comfort, and may they give thanks for their mother's lasting influence.*
- *There may be those for whom Mother's Day is a painful reminder of their own singleness, or their own inability to have biological children. Remind each of these that such women have always had a special place in your concern, especially throughout the history of the Bible. Give them your special care and love, and grant them your assurance that they are not alone; neither are they without ability to make a lasting impact on the world.*
- *And to those for whom their experience with and memory of their own mothers has brought enduring pain, remorse, and guilt, grant the power of healing and forgiveness. Remind us of the wrongs we have done to each other, and the power we have, in your name, to bridge even the deepest divides.*

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray;

"Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

(for listening **Lord's Prayer Song**, Click Here → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57Zdd4i0Au0>)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-14

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

HYMN OF PREPARATION “I Know Who I Have Believed ” UMH 714

(for listening the song, Click Here → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRV3J4n8cc>)

PREPARATION SONG FOR CHILDREN “Big House”

(for listening the song, Click Here → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU0dPB6kqus>)

SERMON

“Home, Sweet Home!”

Pastor Cha

(for listening Pastor Cha’s Sermon, **Click the attached MP3 file.**)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Grateful Heart”

Dominic DiGioia

(for listening Dominic’s Special Piano playing, **Click the attached MP3 file.**)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

UMH 95

(for listening the song, Click Here → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBBnOJpclMQ>)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

In Unison

O God, our fortress and our rock, may these offerings be acceptable to you. In a world facing profound need, they seem insignificant, but we know that in your hands, even small things become great. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to make this world a home where all are sheltered, nourished and cherished. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206

(for listening the song, Click Here → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlSk0oYYpuk>)

BENEDICTION

Go in peace,

and may the peace of God,

which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness,

always be with you.

Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge.

You are not alone.

God is always with you. AMEN!!