

**May 8, 2022**

**Mother's Day**

**11 a.m.**

The flowers are given by **Grace Ann and Scott Mosher** in loving memory of husband & father, **Paul Mosher**, born Mother's Day 1921

PRELUDE

*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Jesus said,

**Many: As a mothering hen longs to gather her brood, so I embrace you.**

One: In the midst of difficulty, Ruth embodied God's love for Naomi saying,

**Many: "Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people".**

One: And our Mother Sarah upon hearing that she would have Isaac at the age of 90,

**Many: Laughed with God that nothing is impossible or impractical for our Creator.**

One: On this Mother's Day Sunday we celebrate the women who have loved and formed us.

**Many: We honor God's light that shines in our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, daughters, pastors, teachers, colleagues, and companions in faith. It is good to here today! Alleluia and Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*O God, Whose Steadfast Love*

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**O God, whose steadfast love, true motherhood has blessed;  
who shields the infant small upon its mother's breast:  
Embrace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your  
loving arms, and hold us in your loving arms.**

**Your promises, O God, so sure throughout the years,  
have lived in the mothers' hearts, have bloomed from mothers' tears.  
So Sarah laughed, and Hannah wept, and singing Mary  
secrets kept, and singing Mary secrets kept.**

**In your great love, O God, full parenthood is known:  
a father mourns his child, a mother's strength is shown.  
Let parents' faithful lives unbind your love that through them  
we might find Christ's deeper love for humankind.**

**May your household of faith one family become,  
that love may be increased, and none may be alone;  
That mother's love and father's care and children's joy we  
all may share, and children's joy we all may share.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God whose wisdom, Proverbs says, is like a woman's voice crying out on the street corner, open our hears to Your still singing Alto and Soprano voice. We know the truth we just sang, "Your promises, O God, so sure throughout the years have lived in mothers' hearts, have bloomed from mothers' tears. So Sarah laughed and Hannah wept, and singing Mary secrets kept." Today we honor the women in our lives whose fingerprints are**

**forever etched on our hearts. We name aloud our ancestors who comforted and cared for us as children:**

*Name aloud your relatives whose love raised you.*

**We name aloud our teachers and mentors, those who cheered our growth:**

*Name aloud the ones who shaped your life.*

**We name aloud today women whose faith inspires and informs us still:**

*Name aloud your sisters in faith at this church.*

**For all these saints, O God, we give thanks for the Sarahs, Hannahs, Naomis, Ruths, Esthers, Elizabeths, Marys, and Lydias who embody and embrace a living faith in such a time as this. Alleluia and Amen!!**

#### ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

SERMON

Return to Normal??

ANTHEM

*Beauty All Around Us*

Larry Nickel

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Beautiful Jesus, Head of all creation,  
God and the blessed Mary's child: I want to love you,  
praise and adore you, joy of my soul, so long desired.**

**Beautiful springtime, lovely green, and hopeful,  
all earth exhales its sweet perfume: Jesus is sweeter,  
Jesus is purer, sad hearts at this, rejoice and bloom.**

**Beautiful sunshine, clear, so lovely, moonlight,  
stars shine like angels, ranked through space: Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines clearer, in perfect beauty, love, and grace.**

**All earthly beauty, all celestial radiance  
fade when compared to Jesus' face. Let me not cherish  
beauties that perish; let me this lovely good embrace.**

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

*Love Divine*

Ralph Vaughn Williams