

**SERMON SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

**SERMON**

"Witnesses to Love"

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**\*SENDING HYMN**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" #242

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Processional for a Joyful Day" by Dale Wood

Dave Howland

**MUSICIANS:** Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Sanctuary Choir.

**TECHNICIAN:** Scott Hokett | **GREETERS:** Rich and Betsy Mazurkiewicz

**LITURGIST:** Michele Fecht

*The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Erica Sharer  
in loving memory of Mary Carol Sharer.*

Following Worship, all are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of celebration as we congratulate graduates and show our appreciation for all moms and for our Meadowbrook music program. There will be cake!

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# MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



May 12, 2024  
Ascension | Mother's Day | Graduate Recognition

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

"Air" by Gordon Young

Dave Howland

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

## CHORAL INTROIT

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively) (Psalm 139:1, 13-14)

Michele Fecht

Leader: O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

Congregation: **For it was You who formed my inward parts;**

Leader: You knit me together in my mother's womb.

**Congregation: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

## \*GATHERING HYMN

(See insert for lyrics)

"Faith of Our Mothers"

**\*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

Michele Fecht

**Lord God, You have blessed us with great love to carry us through all our days. We give You thanks and praise for all the mother figures in our lives and ask that You bless each one of them this day and always. Be with us by the Spirit, as we pray as Jesus taught us:**

*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.*

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

(See insert for list of graduates)

Colleen Foster

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Hymn of Promise" #474 v. 2

## A MOTHER'S DAY MOMENT

Emma Rogers

## LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

Leader: Thank You, Lord, for all who care

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love**

Leader: Thanks for mothers everywhere

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love**

Leader: For those who brighten up our day

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love**

Leader: Who always have the right words to say

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love**

Leader: Thanks for hugs, and love, and smiles

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love**

Leader: Thanks for all those extra miles

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love**

Leader: And when they feel they're not enough

Congregation: **Bless them with Your love.**

*(Children are released to Sunday School.)*

## ANTHEM

(See insert for lyrics)

"23rd Psalm" by Bobby McFerrin

Sanctuary Choir

## SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

## OFFERTORY

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #259 v. 1, 4, 6

**\*DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**"23rd Psalm" by Bobby McFerrin**

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need  
She makes me lie down in green meadows  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.  
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs  
She leads me in a path of good things  
And fills my heart with songs.  
Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land  
There is nothing that can shake me  
She has said She won't forsake me  
I'm in her hand.  
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes  
She anoints my head with oil  
And my cup overflows.  
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life  
And I will live in her house  
Forever, forever and ever.  
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