

**Wesley Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday After Easter**

***Choral Benediction:** Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there below, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude:

***The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service.
Go In Peace! Amen.***

Happy Mother's Day

May 14, 2017

* please stand as you are willing and able.
Please respond where the print is in **Bold**.

Gathering as People of God

Highlighted Announcements

Opening to Divine Presence

Choral Approach: Love Grows Here

~ Don Besig

Call to Worship: (from The Wee Worship Book)

One: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God was.

One: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting people of the earth for the purposes of heaven,

All: God is.

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

All: God will be.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

Invocation Prayer:

All: We come as a praising people, singing your goodness; we come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys; we come as a listening people, opening to your Word. Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray.

One: Yet even as we sing your praises and offer you thanks we are aware that you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

All: But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive.

(time of silence for personal reflection)

All: We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

***Hymn of Preparation:** Bring Many Names (#268, Voices United)

(Children to come forward during the last verse)

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Baptism

Riley Mason, son of Megan & Chris McLaren

Reese Maddison, daughter of Megan & Chris McLaren

Reflecting on Holy Wisdom

Scripture Reading: ~ Bev Montague

Mark 3:31-35 (NRSV)

John 19:25b-27 (NRSV)

This is the Wisdom of God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Family – Jesus style.* ~ Rev. Jenny Stephens

Responding to God's Call

Moment for Individual Meditation

Hymn of Response: Who is My Mother? (#178, More Voices)

1 Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

2 Differently abled, differently labelled,
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,

All come together round Jesus Christ.

- 3 Love will relate us colour or status
Can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
Family failings, human derailings
All are accepted round Jesus Christ.
- 4 Bound by one vision met for one mission
We claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
Kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ. Amen!

Offertory Prayer:

Offertory Music: The Prayer ~ Carole Bayer Sager / David Foster

***Sung Response:** We Give Thee But Thine Own
(#543, v.1, Voices United)

We give thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O God, from Thee.

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer: (sung) (#960, Voices United)

Going Forth to Share the Good News

***Hymn of Mission:** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families
(#556, Voices United)

***Commissioning & Benediction**