



DAVIE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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Welcome!

Blessings be upon you in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ! We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and we welcome you into this community of faith. It is our prayer that having heard the Word of God you will go out and share God's love in service to others.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 9, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Mother's Day *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Guest Minister
Liturgist

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas
Elder Nakotey Hervie

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Lighting of Candles

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Elder Nakotey Hervie

Opening Words

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

Minute for Mission

Mother's Day Litany

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Jesus said to us: "Come!" To all mothers and of all the children: he said, "Come!" To the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!" To all who long to be mothers: he said: "Come! So, we heed this call from Jesus and come on this Mother's Day to worship our Creator.

ALL: We come with joyful noises of praise and celebration.

Leader: The Psalmist tells us to sing praises to the Lord with trumpets and with the lyre and with the melody of all the earth.

ALL: Let the seas roar your name. Let the sun
proclaim forth your brilliance. Let the wind fill
the trees with clapping of their leaves. Let all
living creatures join in harmony so that the entire
earth explodes with praise to you.

Leader: So, come now all who are heavily laden to celebrate
our God in whom and through whom we find rest.

ALL: Let us worship this amazing God.

Prayer of the People

Liturgist

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we
give you thanks. We are grateful that you chose to give us life
through them, and that they received the gift of life from your
hands and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in
carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers
in childhood. Whether birth mothers, adopted mothers, older
sisters, aunts, grandmothers, stepmothers, or others who nurtured
us through life. We thank you for those women who held us and
fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that
our lives may reflect your divine love they showed us, that we, in
turn, show your divine grace to those around us.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for
the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah,
Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth, and Mary mother of our Lord Jesus
Christ – all women. who had the courage in faith to say “yes” to
your calling. We celebrate all women gathered here today emulate
these examples of faith. May they model for all the rest of us what
it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day. In the
name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Faith of Our Mothers

Mr. Glenn Little

Call to Confession

Liturgist

It is through our confession are able to realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. We take this moment to confront those things that separate us from God, from one another, and from being the people God calls us to be.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Holy God, we confess how difficult it is to be your people in a world so inundated with disease, loss, and despair. It is difficult to wear masks, to avoid gathering with our families, with our friends, and in our churches. We grow weary seeing each other as boxes on computer screens. We grow weary of gun violence that takes the lives of innocent people by those who are supposed to protect us. We grow weary of a pandemic that causes such horrible deaths and leaves grieving loved ones in its wake. We confess that we are losing patience, that we are losing hope, that we struggle to maintain our faith in your steadfast presence. Please help us to lean on you and to see your faces in the faces of others around us, despite the destructive powers of racism, greed, homophobia, and xenophobia. Please help us remember each day that there is light in the darkness and that light is you. Encourage our hearts and strengthen our spirits that we might more fully be your people and the instruments of your just peace, even in the midst of these confusing times, confident that you will not abandon us. AMEN

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

Christ was born. Christ lived to show us the way. Christ died and rose from the dead that we might be free from sin and death.

Friends, believe this Good News of the gospel and know that we are forgiven, and that God's grace endures forever. Alleluia!

AMEN

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Liturgist

Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Mr. Glenn Little

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17 Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

Sermon: *“Easter People in a Pandemic World”*

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from this 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 Offering

The Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

“Do as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7)

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn *God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again*

Mr. Glenn Little

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Meri-Li Douglas

Liturgy for Mothers

LEADER: We pray for older mothers whose children are grown and for pregnant women who will soon be mothers.

ALL: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done and trust in the future you offer.

LEADER: We pray for mothers who face the demands of single parenthood and for mothers forced to raise their children in poverty.

ALL: Grant them strength and wisdom.

LEADER: We pray for mothers who enjoy financial abundance

ALL: Grant them joy in their abundance and growing awareness of, and response to, the needs of others.

LEADER: We pray for stepmothers.

ALL: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

LEADER: We pray for mothers who are separated from their children.

ALL: Grant them faith and hope.

LEADER: We pray for mothers in marriages in crisis.

ALL: Grant them support and insight.

LEADER: We pray for mothers who have lost children and for those who grief the loss of their mothers.

ALL: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

LEADER: We pray for mothers who aborted their children and for those who gave their children for adoption.

ALL: Grant them healing and peace and confidence as they trust in your providence

LEADER: We pray for adoptive mothers.

ALL: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

LEADER: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

ALL: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

ALL: We thank you, God, for the women who have influenced and enriched our lives. We pray that we will honor them each day in everything we do.

AMEN

Midday prayer will resume by Zoom this Tuesday at 12 noon.

Sunday School will continue by Conference Call this Sunday at 10am with Lesson Text:1 John 5:1-8 and Lesson Title: “*Knowing We Love Others*” Contact Mrs. Noble for more information.

Please join us for Intercessory Prayer on Thursdays at 7:15pm by conference call. Please contact Bill or Maggie Thomas for more information.

If you are experiencing a pastoral emergency, please contact either Mrs. Leah Harris at the Church or Elder Felecia Hardy. The office is open from 1pm to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays please call before coming.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

The Duke Raleigh Hospital continues to administer the COVID-19 vaccination to individuals, who are 16 years old and older; only the Pfizer vaccine is available for individuals who are under 18 years old. To accommodate the requests for vaccinations, the Duke Raleigh Hospital is continuing to provide scheduled appointments at facilities within the Raleigh community. These vaccination appointments can be scheduled via a website by each person requesting a vaccination or by a Duke representative.

If you, your family members, and/or your friends are eligible and interested in scheduling your vaccination appointment via the website, please use the following link to schedule the appointment:

<http://www.dukehealth.org>

The above vaccination scheduling link allows each person to choose the preferred vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccine).

However, if a person prefers a Duke representative to schedule the vaccination appointment, please provide the following information for each person to Maggie and Bill Thomas via email (covidvac4877@gmail.com):

1. Full Name
2. Birthdate
3. Telephone #
4. Email Address (if available)
5. Residential Address

All of the above information will be kept confidential and will be shared only with the Duke Raleigh Hospital. A vaccination scheduler will contact each person within one business day to schedule the vaccination at a Duke Health location in Raleigh, NC.

On the same day of the first vaccination, if applicable, each person will be informed of the date and time for the second vaccination.

Have a great vaccination experience...