



May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

Hymnal, No. 256

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near, please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Christ, our shepherd, calls us here.

God's gate of love has swung wide!

Jesus, our brother, welcomes us home.

The family of God embraces us all.

Our mothering God invites us with love.

For we are all precious sheep in God's pasture.

*HYMN

Bring Many Names

Hymnal, No. 13

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

We gather 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 affirm us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into a spiritual home where all are welcome. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

~ H. Hopson

Keith Ciccone, Piano

Michael Frady, Baritone

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 31: 10-31

SERMON

“Arise, Women of Peace”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

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 for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Happy the Home When God Is There

Hymnal, No. 288

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures, here, below. Praise Him, above, ye heav’nly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgment has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in your love. Amen.

***HYMN**

Faith of Our Mothers

*1 Faith of our mothers, living yet
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nurs'ry love and fireside love,
thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing--youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*2 Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
The fount of childhood's trust and grace,
O may thy consecration prove
The well-spring of a nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

SERENITY PRAYER

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE





Following worship, please join us for Remote Coffee Hour:

Time: May 10, 2020 @ approximately 10:30 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Password: FCC1707

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Thank you for viewing this Service of Worship from First Congregational Church.

About Today's Service:

- * This worship service was recorded on Saturday, May 2, 2020,
- * The videographer, director and editor for today's online worship service is **Glenn Holton**
- * Please join us at approximately 10:30 am (following the conclusion of the online worship service) for a **"remote coffee hour" zoom meeting**



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