

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR MOTHERS

*God, our Heavenly Parent, today we celebrate and honor our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and others who have been like mothers to us. We mourn with those who are missing their mothers and loved ones. We grieve with those for whom this day is difficult, for those who have lost a child, or are unable to have children. We remember that You are Creator of Us All, and in Your image we are beautifully made. We worship You today as we celebrate together. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mothers come in many different forms,  
And today we celebrate them all.

***Thank God for mothers!***

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

***Thank God for my mother!***

For those women who have joined God in Heaven  
And whom we miss dearly here on Earth,

***Thank God for the mothers of the past.***

For every woman who is working day and night  
To raise her children right now,

***Thank God for the mothers of today.***

For all the women who are expecting,  
But aren't quite mothers yet,

***Thank God for soon-to-be mothers.***

For the women who took in others' children  
Through adoption and foster care,

***Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.***

For those women who have lost a child to death  
And still must carry on,

***Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.***

We thank You, Lord, for all the women

Who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

***We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.***

HYMN # 335

*Though I May Speak*

O WALY WALY

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Some, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed.*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God, We praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your care. You created the world and all that is in it. You knitted us together in our mother's womb. You made us in Your image. We confess that we have gone astray, lost in our sin. Like the woman who lost her gold coin, You came looking for us. You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be one of us. He spoke of Your love, healed the sick, cared for the poor, and welcomed the outcast. He longed to gather us under his wings like a mother hen gathers her chicks. He gave up his life so that we may be found in You.***

***Gracious God, today we especially thank You for mothers: for their care and nurture, for love and support, wisdom and sacrificial giving; for tears and smiles, encouragement and correction. Thank You that in such love we see a reflection of Your own love for us.***

***Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your great love and truth. Anoint us with Your Spirit's power that we may witness to You, serve You, and love Your people and world. Forgive us our sins. Amen.***

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### 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.*

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***...All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, 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***



## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right.  
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light!  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,  
And shatter the spear and sword!  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
Has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love!  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God,  
May come to the truth of God!  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Mother's Day**

Today is Mother's Day, where we honor our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other women who have been important in our lives.

The photographs on the Communion Table remind us of these women. We thank God for them and for the ways they influences our lives.

### **Churchyard Clean-up**

Our churchyard cleanup / flower planting event will take place next Sunday, May 21. Please bring rakes, shovels, and anything else you think we may need, and wear your grubbies to church!

### **Becoming a Contagious Christian Class**

Session 5 of *Becoming a Contagious Christian* will be held for Session members at a date to be announced.

This 6-session class will be offered to the congregation in the fall. Bill Becker is the instructor. Thank you, Bill!

### **Women's Choir**

Our Women's Choir is preparing for Music Ministries Sunday on June 11. We rehearse every Sunday in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. The ability to read music, although helpful, is not necessary, but the ability to carry pitch is essential.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have twelve health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

### **Looking Ahead:**

We have some wonderful worship experiences coming up!

May 28: Pentecost and Memorial Day – a Blended Service.

June 11: Music Ministries Sunday

June 18: Father's Day. Bring a photo of Dad for the Communion Table!

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## A New Refrigerator for our Church Kitchen

At their last meeting, Session approved a campaign to replace the commercial refrigerator in our kitchen. It was noisy, and used so much electricity that we couldn't keep it on all the time. When it was turned on, it took several hours to get the temperature down to 38 degrees.

This week, we got the news that the old refrigerator "bit the dust," so to speak.

We are looking at a stainless steel, energy efficient model, with French doors and a freezer underneath with an ice maker. The price is about \$1,600.

We are asking for contributions of any size, big or small, so we may buy a new refrigerator. ***An anonymous donor has offered to match the first \$800 that we raise!*** Anything that we raise above \$1,600 will go toward (1) the cost of a plumber to hook up the ice maker, and (2) fixing (or replacing) the small sink in the kitchen.

If you are interested in helping us purchase the new refrigerator, please fill out the form below. If you want to make your gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, we will print the list of names, put the list in a frame, and hang it in the kitchen. What a great way to remember Mom or Grandma!

Thank you very much.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

- Or -

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

