

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*
JOHN 15:12, NIV



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Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshiping in the Spirit, growing in discipleship, and sharing God's love.

The Church at Worship

Gathering Music

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

ARR. ETHEL TENCH ROGERS

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amy Herring

Chiming of the Trinity

Barbara Rowley

Introit

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

PROMISE

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; come to join the people gathered here to see and find God's grace.

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1, 4-9

Sean Timmons

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

People: With the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: Make a joyful noise before the Lord.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: The world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands;

People: Let the hills sing together for joy

Leader: At the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Invocation

Sean Timmons

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Sean Timmons

Children's Message

Rev. Amy Herring

Mother's Day Litany

Rev. Amy Herring

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

We thank you, God, for the women who gave us life.

We pray for older mothers whose children are grown, knowing a mother is always concerned about her children's needs and cares.

Grant them joy and peace in seeing how their children's lives unfold.

We pray for new mothers experiencing changes that bring great joy and unexpected challenges.

Grant them rest, strength, and hope as the days unfold.

We pray for mothers who are actively raising their children and teenagers.

Grant them patience, grace, and strength that comes from knowing they are loved by You.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be mothers.

Grant them rest, health, and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for mothers who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength, wisdom, and grace as You provide for them.

We pray for grandmothers who are doing the important work of raising children again.

Grant them energy and endurance.

We pray for blended families and for step-mothers who care for the children born to others.

Grant them grace, patience, and understanding.

We pray for mothers who feel separated or distant from their children.

Grant them faith and hope as You remind them that they are not alone.

We pray for mothers in marriages that are facing a time of crisis.

Grant them support and discernment.

We pray for mothers who grieve, who have lost children through death or miscarriage.

Grant them comfort and the peace that passes all understanding as You walk with them.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift of life entrusted to them.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be mothers but have not received this gift.

Grant them grace in their particular and often private sense of loss and grief.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mothering role in a child's life, whether as an aunt, a cousin, an older sibling, a teacher, or some other role.

Grant them happiness and appreciation as they love and shape the lives of children.

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother and are reminded of this loss today.

Grant them comfort and hope in the promise of resurrection.

We pray for mothers who have fled violence and difficult situations, and for mothers who lack the health, healthcare, safety, and material goods to care for their families.

Grant that our generosity and compassion may abound and that money will be released for resources and people who can support these women and their families.

We thank God for the gift of our mothers, for the mothers in our midst, and for all mothers.

God, grant to them a clear sense of Your presence and love so that they might be filled with Your mercy and peace and that they might reflect Your love in word and deed.

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

NATALIE SLEETH

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name lead them forth, gently as a shepherd.

When they wonder, when they stray, their protector be;
As ye do unto My sheep, thus ye do to Me.

Unto all who go astray, hope and comfort be,
As you do unto My sheep, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name, lead them forth, gently . . . gently . . . as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Sermon

"Chosen"

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Musical Meditation

The Servant Song

GILLARD

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Benediction

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude

Today's trio is Anne Pokorney, Brenda Doyle and Mike Bunch.
A big thank you to all of the above for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning.