



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

Honor your father and your mother,  
as the Lord your God commanded you.

Deuteronomy 5:16

Maternal Caress, Mary Cassatt, American, 1844 - 1926

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**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *Andante from Piano Sonata 5* Mozart

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Psalm of Invocation

*One:* Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: The Most High is awesome, a powerful and generous ruler over all the earth.**

*One:* God has gone up with a shout, the Holy One with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises. Let the rulers of the peoples gather to remember: the security of the earth belongs to God; the prosperity of the nations rests in God.**

*One:* Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

*Psalm 47*

\*The Peace of Christ

*One:* "The Peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you!**

Choir Anthem *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* arr. Burroughs  
Ashlyn Myers Comley, violin

Ephesians 1:15-23

Blessing

Children's Time

Sermon "What does it mean to say Jesus is 'lord'?"

Hymn *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Prayers of the People

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The 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.*

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Sanctuary Prayer*

*Lewis*

Doxology

*Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God for all that Love has done.*

*Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn

*Blessed Assurance*

\*Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

*Festive Toccata*

*Thygerson*

*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.*



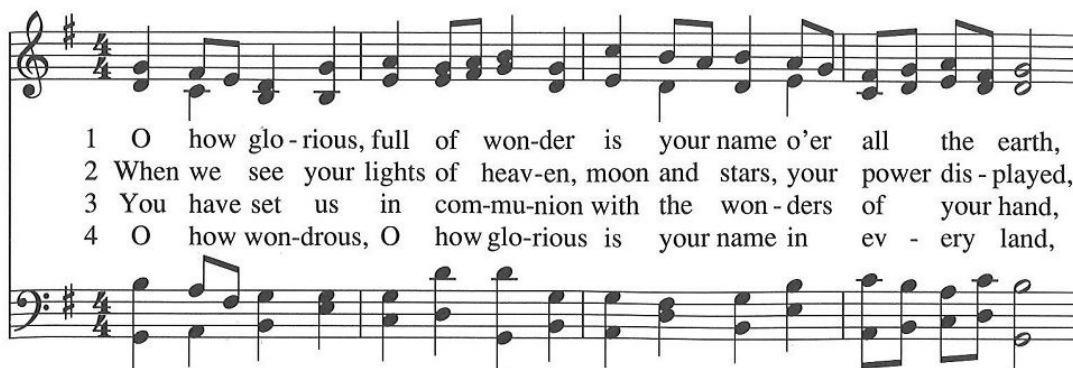
*All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.*

# O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

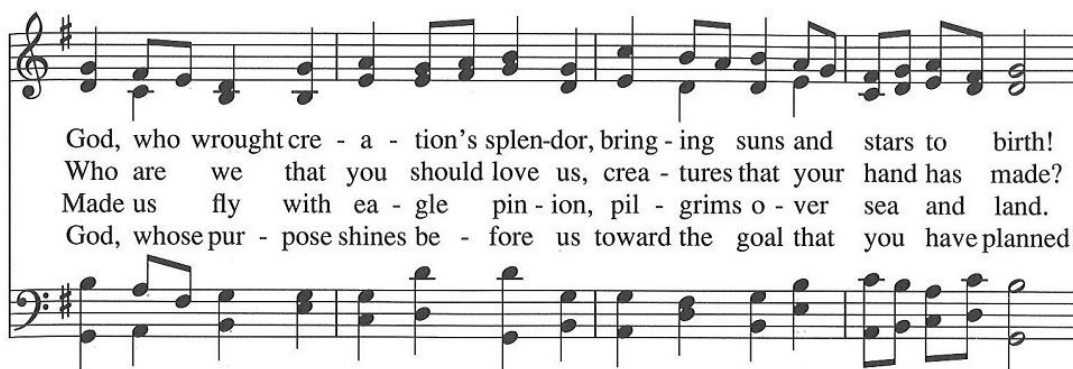
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*Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt.*

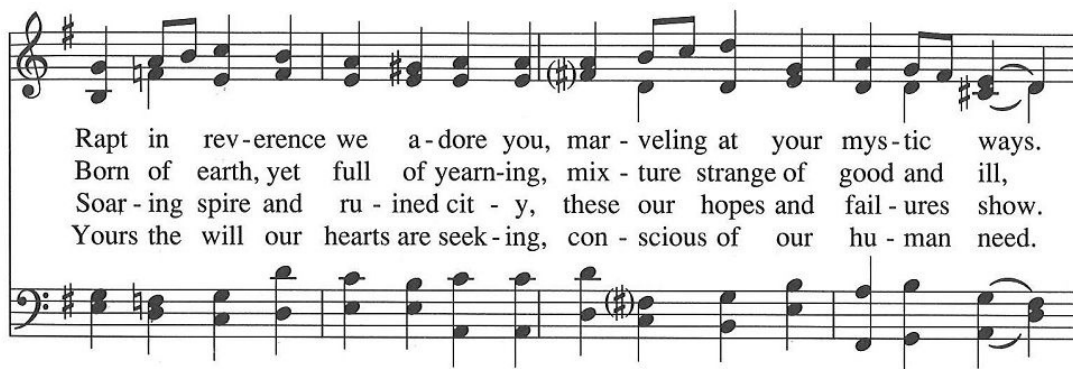
*Ps. 8*



1 O how glo - rious, full of won - der is your name o'er all the earth,  
2 When we see your lights of heav - en, moon and stars, your power dis - played,  
3 You have set us in com - mu - nion with the won - ders of your hand,  
4 O how won - drous, O how glo - rious is your name in ev - ery land,



God, who wrought cre - a - tion's splen - dor, bring - ing suns and stars to birth!  
Who are we that you should love us, crea - tures that your hand has made?  
Made us fly with ea - gle pin - ion, pil - grims o - ver sea and land.  
God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us toward the goal that you have planned!



Rapt in rev - erence we a - dore you, mar - veling at your mys - tic ways.  
Born of earth, yet full of yearn - ing, mix - ture strange of good and ill,  
Soar - ing spire and ru - ined cit - y, these our hopes and fail - ures show.  
Yours the will our hearts are seek - ing, con - scious of our hu - man need.



Hum - bly now we bow be - fore you, lift - ing up our hearts in praise.  
From your ways so of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us still.  
Teach us more of hu - man pit - y, that we in your im - age grow.  
Spir - it in our spir - it speak - ing, make us yours, O God, in - deed.

*United Church of Christ minister Curtis Beach submitted this hymn to the editorial committee of the Pilgrim Hymnal (1958). It was one of two psalm paraphrases by Beach to be accepted. The hymn was also included in The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ (1974).*

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.  
Traditional Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906  
Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY

## Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

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Daniel Bechtel, 1986

Hos. 11:1-9; 2 Tim. 1:8-10

Unison

1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

close in her de - light, Fed us free - ly from her  
 hand and been our guide, Lift - ed us and healed our  
 trust in power and might, Left be - hind our broth - ers,  
 neigh - bor's hand in love, Tread the path of peace and

bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.  
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

*This hymn was inspired by Hosea's depiction of the parental aspects of God's relationship with Israel. It was first sung at a chapel service at Dickinson College, where Daniel Bechtel, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, began his tenure as professor of religion in 1964.*

Tune: AUSTIN 8.7.8.7.  
 William P. Rowan, 1992  
 Alternate tune: STUTTGART

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



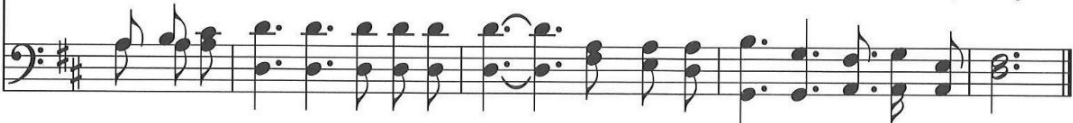
God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



# Bulletin Reminders for May 14, 2023

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**TODAY, Sunday, May 14**

This spring, several important items will come before the congregation for discussion: updates to our Church By Laws, a proposal for Solar Panels on the Sanctuary roof, and nominations for Officers and Committee members. The formal meeting will take place on **May 14**.

## ANNUAL PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

**Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Reminding all Plymouth Church gardeners (experienced and beginners) that the Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. If you haven't already begun, please check your perennial beds for seedlings and perennial plants to be divided and pot them up for the sale, the sooner the better so they have time to acclimate to their pots. The plant sale will need volunteers for set-up (May 18-19) and staffing the sale. We also need extra empty pots (at least 6 inches in diameter) which may be left next to the shed as soon as possible. Donated perennial plants are to be left by the shed or in the courtyard starting Wednesday, May 17. All gardeners and anyone willing to help, please join the fun by signing up as a volunteer.

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Leona, [lldorlmd@verizon.net](mailto:lldorlmd@verizon.net), 508.481.5770

## SPRING CLOTHING SALE

**Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3**

The Rummage Sale is now: "Pre-Loved/Used Clothing Sale for the whole family" We are encouraging donations of nicer quality items to provide our shelters and schools with the head start they need for success! Please sort and label your donations of men's, women's, teens, babies, boy's and girl's items. We can receive donations beginning Sunday, **May 28** and the following week. As always, we will look for your help and fun participation in the execution of this community service. Details will follow as our plans unfold!

Contact Mattie, 774.217.3477

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 21**

Our children and youth have been studying the parable of the Good Samaritan. And who is our neighbor? Make sure to be here for this

## MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

**Donation Drop-off Begins May 14**

As part of our Memorial weekend worship service, hosted by Plymouth Church, we will collect items for the *Soldier Care Package Outreach*, coordinated by First Baptist Church, in Hingham. They will take our donations, along with the cards our young people will make, and send them in care packages to people serving overseas. Right now, they need: **Slim Jims, Twizzlers, small canned fruit, ground coffee, eye drops, Tylenol, puzzle books, sleeping masks, small individual Kleenex, or nuts**. Please bring your donations to worship on Sunday, May 28, or drop them by the Parish Hall, starting Sunday, **May 14**.

## SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 28**

On Sunday, May 28, we will host a special worship service, with Edwards Church, honoring Memorial Day. Open Spirit Intern, Deanne Joy, who is studying at Harvard Divinity School, will preach. Deanne has created a series of six quilts, entitled *Sacrifice: The Heart of the Military*, each honoring service people during one of six conflicts. The quilts were hung at our Veterans Appreciation Dinner last fall, and they will be featured at the City of Framingham's Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29. In the service, Deanne will reflect on the first quilt, *In Flanders Field*, which honors veterans of World War I.



# MEMORIAL DAY

**"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13**



**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 10:00 AM**

87 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA

The Plymouth Church in Framingham & Edwards Church



Deanne Joy, Intern at Open Spirit and Harvard Divinity School student, will deliver the message and share her insights as a military mom and American Heritage Story Quilter.

**We invite all veterans and active military to join us.**