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At Home Worship Bulletin



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*~Respond by reading the words printed in **BOLD** during our
worship together~*

Prelude

Joan Loewen, organist

Welcome and Announcement

L: Christ is risen. **All: Christ is risen indeed!**

Welcome to all who join us this day for Lewistown Presbyterian Church Zoom Worship Service. Today is May 10, 2020 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick.

We gather to worship the Lord of All through our words and music that bring glory to him. We gather with grateful hearts for the memories and love we have of women who are, who were and who have been mothers to us.

As we gather, we begin with some announcements:

- Tonight, the youth group will be meeting at 6 PM to continue planning for Youth Sunday on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. After planning, they will begin a new Bible Study together.
- Our church leaders are so excited to tell you that we are giving you a free subscription to Right Now Media. Invite emails were sent last Sunday. If you did not receive one, please let us know. And if you received an invite, please make sure you respond to it, so you can begin enjoying all the resources available through Right Now Media. The best way to understand Right Now Media is that it is a "Netflix" of Christian studies, videos and kids' shows. If you need more information, please give the church office a call or contact Ginny Westover or Susan Ferguson.
- Don't forget to give your tithes and offerings. We continue to have full expenses during the pandemic and we continue to financially support our preschool teachers during the pandemic. Your gifts can be mailed, sent through your bank online bill system or placed in the church mailbox.

Let us prepare fully to engage with the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End.

Introit: Jesus Loves Me William B. Bradbury, composer
Abi Riden, Trumpet

*Abi dedicates this song to all the mothers this day,
especially her own.*

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of his unfailing love; and who, for the sake of his name, leads us and guides us.

**A: In you, O Lord, we put our trust.
You are our God,
and our lives are in your hands.**

L: Lord, let the light of your face shine on us as we celebrate together in your presence. Amen.

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus *insert*

Call to Confession

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Please join with me in the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers,
Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
Once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Children's Chat

Lynn Curry

Prayer of Illumination

As we prepare to hear scripture read, let us pray together:

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word,
open our hearts to the power of your Spirit,
call us out of darkness,
and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 & John 17:1-26

Sermon: The Purpose of our Life

Mother's Day Liturgy

On this day, we honor those who have mothered us and cared for us.

For some, this will be a birth mother,
and we may wish to express our grateful thanks.

We pray that our lives may reflect the love they have shown us.

For others, it will be the women who raised us,
who were our mothers in childhood –
an adopted mother, older sister, aunt, grandmother,
stepmother or someone else.

We may wish to express our thanks 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 the love they have shown us.**

We pray for older mothers whose children are grown.

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

We pray for those with adult children, but whose lives are still shaped by their children's needs and cares. **Grant them strength, patience and wisdom.**

We pray for new mothers experiencing changes they could not predict. **Grant them rest and peace and confidence as the days unfold.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be mothers. **Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for mothers who face the demands of single parenthood. **Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for mothers who enjoy financial abundance. **Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for mothers who are raising their children in poverty. **Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for the challenge of blended families, and those who take on care of others' children. **Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for mothers who are separated from their children. **Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for mothers in marriages that are in crisis. **Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for mothers who have lost children through illness, or death come too soon. **Grant them comfort that their children are held in divine embrace.**

We pray for mothers in developing countries who die in childbirth due to inadequate maternal health care, or whose children die too young. **Grant that generosity may abound, that money will be released for resources, and to attract skilled personnel who can support the women and children.**

We pray for mothers who have terminated pregnancies.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for mothers who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence
that the children will be held in good care.**

We pray for adoptive mothers. **Grant them joy and gratitude
for the gift of life entrusted to them.**

We pray for girls and women who think about being mothers.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be mothers. **Grant them grace in their particular and often
private sense of loss and grief.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life. **Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for those people present
who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

**Grant them comfort, and confidence
that loving continues in how we live our lives.**

~ adapted

http://worshiphelps.blogs.com/worship_helps/2006/05/a_mothers_day_1.html

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

L: God of resurrection **A: Hear our 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 forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Prayer of Dedication

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor
for God's work in the world. Let us give generously of our tithes
and offerings.

Please join me in prayer: Almighty God, receive the gifts we
bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives
to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who
lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Go forth to serve in the name of our risen Lord.
And may Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life,
Be with you.
May the spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.
May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you
forevermore.
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Serving in worship this day: Joan Loewen, organist; Ginny Westover, worship assistant; Lynn Curry, children's chat; Abi Riden, special music, and McKenzie Donahue, PowerPoint creator.

Weekly Reflection Page

*Please use these questions and prayers
throughout this coming week*

Question for Reflection

Is the "dwelling place" of which Jesus speaks a place for us after we die, or does it include our life in the present? What does Jesus mean when he says that his disciples "will do greater works"? What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name"?

Morning Prayer

Lord, Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Faithful God, my rock and my fortress, into your hands I commit my spirit. As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant, and keep me in your steadfast love. Amen.

PRAYER GUIDE

Our Community

- For those who are struggling with isolation and a decrease in paid work hours.
- Those homeless, struggling with addiction, and unemployed

For Our Programs and Growth

- Our Pastor, Rev. Sarah Sedgwick, Church staff, Deacons, Elders, Choirs, & Volunteers

Health Concerns

- Denise Beltzner: scleroderma and lupus
- Linda Miller: now at home; continued prayers for healing
- Debbie: breast cancer
- Kathy Hardin: breast cancer; radiation begins this week
- Sandy (Ken Fisher's sister): abdominal cancer
- William Smith, 16 yr. old: cancer
- Curt Warfel; health concerns
- Rich Harper; chemo treatments
- Megan Earnest: ongoing health concerns
- George Garner: terminally ill
- Kyler Sheetz: 6-year-old, malignant melanoma
- Bill Carter: at home
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor

Those in Care Facilities

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Shirley Ferguson
- Elmcroft: Lavonne Ball
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp, April Paige
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

Those in the Military

- 01/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest
- SFC William Corson
- SGT John Dietz
- SSGT Tyler Treaster

Our Mission Partners

Shelter Services, Habitat for Humanity, Backyard Ministries,
The Heart 2 Heart Program, and The LUMINA Center

Families of the Week

Susan Ferguson; Gloria Runk

Giving Report as of 5/3/20

Weekly Need:	\$3,056.17	YTD Need:	\$55,011.06
Received:	\$2,813.00	YTD Received:	\$48,028.76

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.