



Sunday, May 10, 2020; The fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Greeting

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Holy and Gracious God, we are scattered today as we worship. We are scattered from our church buildings. We are scattered from our church family and friends. Often during this time we feel scattered of mind, body. Forgive us for the ways we act when we are scattered. Forgive us for our scattered minds and scattered lives. Help us to center on you. Help us to breathe fresh air and know your peace. Help us to find our home in the midst of the scattering. During this season of Easter, keep us mindful that we are a resurrection people. Scattered in place for growth and love.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn #421 "Make Me a Captive, Lord"
vs. 1, 3, 4

Litany for Mothers and Lord's Prayer

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer

with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,



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All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! 16 Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. 17 Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning. Human wisdom versus the cross 18 The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
Vs. 1,2,6

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon and Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. 11 My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. 12 What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? 14 Thank God

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #308 "Thine Be the Glory"

Blessing

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

May 17	Faith, Hope and Love	1 Cor. 13:1-13
May 24	Death Swallowed in Life	1 Cor. 15:1-26
May 31	Gifts of the Spirit	Acts 2:1-4, 1 Cor. 12:1-13

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 1 Corinthians 1:18

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon.	1 Corin. 1:10-18	An Appeal for Unity
Tue.	Acts 18:5-11	Paul Proclaims the Word
Wed.	Acts 18:12-17	Dragged before Gallio
Thu.	Acts 18:18-23	Paul Leaves Corinth
Fri.	1 Corin. 1:19-31	God is the Source of Life
Sat.	1 Corin. 11:17-36	Eating the Lord's Supper

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- ◇ **Highs and Lows:** What made you laugh today? What made you angry today?
- ◇ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Paul makes friends with Aquila and Priscilla. He shares the good news about Jesus Christ with them and with the people in the synagogues. Did you show your love for your friends today? How?
- ◇ **Getting Ready For Next Week's Story:** Paul writes a letter to the church of Corinth to remind that it is God's love that is the most important thing. How did you experience God's love today?

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This week's Connections Schedule:

Sunday 10:30-11:30—Adult Sunday School

Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study

Tuesday at 12:00-12:15 — Devotional

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 — Youth Zoom

Thursday 12:00-12:30 — Prayer

Thursday 7:00-8:00—Bible Study

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