

Prelude: Variations on “Faith of Our Mothers” by Lawrence A. Wok and Henri F. Hemy

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship: Mother’s Day

Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

Our God, loving, nurturing.

In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

**Trusting in God,
we continually offer our praise!**

Announcements and Highlights from the last Administrative Board Meeting, and a letter from Sandra Marshall (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Prayer: Matthew 18:19-20

¹⁹“Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.”

Congregational Prayer:

Lord,

Thank you for the women in our lives,
for our mothers and for those who have been like mothers to us.

We are grateful for their tenderness when we were helpless or hurt,

We are grateful for their encouragement and wisdom when we were unsure,

We are grateful for the way they guided us into Your saving embrace.

Too often we took their love and sacrifice for granted.

Forgive us.

Help us to live in such a way
that our words and actions bring honor to them to You.
In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Opening Hymn: Take Time to Be Holy **No. 395**

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13:4-7 (CEB)

⁴Love is patient, love is kind, it isn’t jealous, it doesn’t brag, it isn’t arrogant, ⁵it isn’t rude, it doesn’t seek its own advantage, it isn’t irritable, it doesn’t keep a record of complaints, ⁶it isn’t happy with injustice, but it is happy with truth. ⁷Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

No. 70

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.
A-men. A-men.

Children’s Moment: Led by Beth Hagan

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children’s reflection.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering
(Thank you for giving to this Church!)

Ushers: Women’s Team (Sandra R., Angela T., Cecelia R., and Amy G.)

Offertory Prayer: by Pastor Tim

Offertory Music: Mother’s Day by Kevin G. Pace

Doxology:

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Anthem: Worthy Is The Lamb

Sermon: “Everyone Needs a Mother’s Love” Psalm 23

Response to the Word: The Apostles’ Creed **No. 881**

Closing Hymn: We’ll Understand It Better By and By **No. 525**

Postlude: If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again by James Rowe and John W. Vaughn

Happy Mother’s Day

Honoring—

Illinoise Mitchell (Alberta Mitchell)

Nan Kat (Divot)

Steve Lee Fleenor (Betty & Larry Fleenor)

In Loving Memory of—

Hope Meade (Lana Prater)

Georgia Skeen

Gladys Robinette (Lloyd & Cecilia Robinette)

Debbie Gillespie

Paula Sue Isaac (Kathleen Gillespie)

James Hawley (Jimabe) Fleenor (Betty & Larry Fleenor)

Madeline Clark (Paul Clark)

Mary Horne (Bob Horne)

Letter from Sandra Marshall:

To My Church Family:

I remember the first time that I visited Trinity. I was a little younger than I am now, and I recall thinking, wow there’s a lot of old people in this church. Little did I realize that I would become to adore all of these people, and that I am actually one of them.

I am sad that I must now leave Trinity and start over at another. But I realize that there are seasons that we must go through, and that this is a new chapter in my life. God has always led me to church homes that are perfect for me, and I’m sure this experience will be the same. However, I know that I’ll never forget the love and compassion I received from some of the best friends I’ve ever known.

The service on April 24th that I call “Sandra Marshall” Day was one that I’ll always cherish. Thanks, Tim, for the anointment and prayer for me. It was such a blessing. Also, I appreciate the delicious dinner my book study group gave for me on Monday, the cards and gifts, and other acts of kindness I received.

I hope to visit Trinity when I come back to Virginia to visit my family. So, this is not a goodbye, but it’s, I’ll see you later.

With Much Love!

Sandra

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Youth Gathering is on Sunday at 5 pm.

Book Study and Discussion is Monday at 6 pm.

Apprentice Study is Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

United Methodist Men relaunch—After today's service, we ask that all men who are willing and able to meet in the church fellowship hall for a short meeting.

Change-for-Children—Our campaign to receive loose change is from May 1st to May 29th. All donations received will go towards grants and ministries for children in the Holston Conference.

Church Fence Project—The fence project is completed! To God be the Glory!

Church Rummage Sale—Our rummage sale was a great success! Thank you to all who made this fundraiser possible.

Special Fellowship for D.S. Jeff and Sandy Wright—On Sunday, May 15th, we will have a special service and fellowship meal of appreciation for Jeff and Sandy. For the last 8 years, Jeff has been our District Superintendent. In June, he will have a new appointment as Lead Pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Sevierville.

To help make the service special, Rev. Beth Tipton will be preaching on that day. Rev. Beth Tipton is an ordained Deacon ministering in the Appalachian District at the Wesley Foundation at UVA Wise since 2003. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Christian Spirituality at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and is a graduate of Asbury Seminary. She leads and accompanies people on their spiritual journeys, and labors to connect the church and the world in creative ways. She is married to Jason and that have one child, Samuel.

Recovery Fest 2022—The 2022 Recovery Fest is Saturday, May 21st at the Miner's Park at 1 pm. The NOW Team will be having a free water giveaway and will set-up a prayer station for those needing or wanting prayer. If you want to donate or volunteer your services, please contact Christy Smith.

Next Appalachian District Superintendent—Beginning July 2022, Rev. Jeff Lambert will be our new District Superintendent. Rev. Lambert currently services as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Sevierville, Tennessee. Jeff married his wife Tammi in 1991 and they have three children and two granddaughters. Rev. Lambert graduated from Hiwassee College, Tennessee Wesleyan University, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He has served Forkner's Chapel/Browder Memorial, Del Rio Circuit (Jones

Chapel/Mulberry Gap), Oakland (Galax), St. Mark's (Louisville), Marion First, Red Bank, and Sevierville First.

Rev. Lambert is very grateful for the exacting journey God has called him to and is looking forward to this new role. His prayer is that God would fill us with grace, mercy, love, and the power of the Holy Spirit, and that God of heaven will give us success (Nehemiah 2:20) as we offer them Christ (John Wesley).

NOW Team—The NOW team has purchased 10 School Kits for students in Zimbabwe for the 2022 Holston Conference Hands-On Mission Project. Each kit consists of a backpack and school supplies such as paper, erasers, pencils, pens, and an English Dictionary. The money used to purchase these items came from the NOW Team fund and you are welcome to designate money to this account at any time.

Highlights from our last Administrative Board Meeting

- The Parsonage Committee reported that the following upgrades and repairs were done or will be done to the church parsonage: A new (tall) kitchen faucet was installed, the broken bathroom exhaust fan was replaced, the outside shrubs and vines were trimmed, a new outlet was installed for the condensation removal pump, and the laundry side outside light will be repaired.
- The NOW Team reported that they will have a water giveaway and prayer station available during the Recovery Fest on Saturday, May 22nd at Miner's Park. If you want to help please contact Christy Smith.
- Financial Chair Phil Robbins reported that our anticipated budget for 2022 is behind approximately \$2,500.
- The Board of Trustees reported that new insurance quotes are being done for the church campus. A new policy will be in place in May.

*Offering Stewards for May 2022

May 15th—Spencer Q., Fred H., Dana B., & Paul C.

May 22nd—Alberta M., Lana P., Nancy A., & Pat B.

May 29th—John H., Ruben A., Daniel W., & Dennis A.

*Children's Moment for May 2022

May 15th—Cindy Ashley

May 22nd—Kim Parsons

May 29th—Diane Botts

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for May is Juice Boxes.

The requested flavors are Apple or Grape.



The Trinity Companion May 8, 2022 *Happy Mother's Day*

Love

is patient ♦
kind ♦ not envious ♦
not boastful ♦
not arrogant ♦
not rude ♦ does not insist
on its own way ♦
is not irritable or resentful ♦
does not rejoice in
wrongdoing ♦ rejoices in the
truth ♦ bears all things ♦
believes all things ♦
hopes all things ♦
endures all things ♦
never ends. ♦

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NRSV [adapted]

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