

**May 10th, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter –
Mother's Day**

Thought to ponder: *"Abiding does not mean sitting idly by. It means resting in the work, resting in the moment, resting in the truth, resting in the confidence that God is your provision."*

— Robin Bertram

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Prelude: VU #280 Mother and God
Mother and God, to you we sing;
Wide is your womb,
Warm is your wing.
In you we live, move and are fed
Sweet, flowing milk, life giving bread.
Mother and God, to you we bring
All broken hearts, all broken wings.

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Christ Candle Lighting:

Call to Worship: (inspired by Psalm 66)

One: Bring blessings to God of all life; let the sound of our praises be heard.

All: For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to them.

One: Bring blessings to God of all life; let the sound of our praises be heard.

All: Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed their steadfast love from us.

One: Bring blessings to God of all life; let
the sound of our praises be heard.

**All: Come as we proclaim, witness, and
testify to all God has done. Bless the
Holy One!**

Hymn: VU#226 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

**God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

For each perfect gift sublime
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer:

God of life, we praise you this day for the gift of your creation as new life rises around us in flower beds and farmers' fields, in the nests and burrows of your creatures. We praise you for the gift of our lives, and for all those people— from our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to our teachers and coaches and good friends— who have encouraged us along the way. In this time of worship, encourage us in the present moments of our lives, challenging as they may seem. Refresh us with the new life you promise us in Christ Jesus in whose name we praise you as the Spirit prays within us. Amen.

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Time for Young at Heart: *Who is our Family?*

Hymn: VU #320

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

**Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of my life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flower, until I know.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

Psalm 66:8-20 God preserved us

John 14:15-21 The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with
you

Ministry of Music:

As the Wind Song Through the Trees

Reflection: *We Are Not Alone*

Hymn: VU #380 *She Flies On*

**She comes sailing on the wind,
Her wings flashing in the sun,
On a journey just begun,
She flies on.**

**And in the passage of her flight,
Her song rings out through the night,
Full of laughter, full of light,
She flies on.**

Silent waters rocking
on the morning of our birth,
Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,
And from the heart of God
the Spirit moved upon the earth,
Like a mother breathing life into her child.
Many were the dreamers
whose eyes were given sight
When the Spirit filled their dreams
with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens,
broken hearts found new delight,
And then down the age still she flew on.

Refrain

To a gentle girl in Galilee,
a gentle breeze she came,
A whisper softly calling in the dark,
The promise of a child of peace
whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.
Flying to the river, she waited circling high
Above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water,
she swept down from the sky,
And she carried him away in her embrace.

Refrain

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Prayers of the People:

One: God with a loving heart,

All: Hear our prayer.

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, 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 and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

**God our Creator and Redeemer, you
made us in love to share that love with
neighbour and stranger as Jesus
commanded. Take our gifts and make
them tokens of your love that we can
share throughout our community and
in the world you love, in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Hymn: VU #556

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

**Would you bless
our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
In our world of stress and tension
Teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles,
Love's expressed in many ways.**

**From the homes
in which we're nurtured,
With the love that shapes us there,
Teach us, God, to claim as family
Every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
May we in your love remain;
May the love we share in families
Be alive to praise your name.**

**Let us reach beyond the boundaries
Of our daily thought and care
Till the family you have chosen
Spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in many ways.**

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Benediction:

Sung Benediction: MV#214

**May God's Sheltering Wings
May God's sheltering wings,
Her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms
Her cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in her love,
And hold you in her love.**

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Announcements

May 10, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter

Reader for this week: Youth

Reader for next week: Lee

Greeter this week: Youth

Greeter next week: Bob and Sue

Tellers this week: Paul and Bob

Tellers next week: Shirley and Bonnie

A/V this week: Lisa

A/V next week: Al

Sunday

9:30 conversations on Zoom

10:00 service followed by coffee and conversation

Tuesday

7:00 Fundraising

Wednesday

6:00 Choir rehearsal

Thursday

1:30 St. Paul's ladies

Next Sunday

9:30 conversations on Zoom

10:00 service

1:30 Kiwanis Service

VBS will be June 22-25. This year's theme: [Snowball Mountain Challenge](#) Registration is now open.

St. Paul's Plant Sale: May 30th 9 – 12.

Books and puzzles

The youth group are having a book and puzzle sale by donation to raise funds for their trip to The Collective. Display is in the Narthex.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

The Wee Ones baby bottle campaign is back. Funds raised support the Sussex Pregnancy and New Parents Centre. Bottles available in the Narthex or the office.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.