

Order of Worship for Winnemucca UMC

10 AM Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day May 14, 2023

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Message: CLM Gary Robbins

Liturgist & Media: Roland Davies

Acolyte: Johaunna Maloon

*"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." Isaiah 66:13*

Easter People, Raise Your Voices – UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choirs; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – UMH 139

Praise the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young – UMH 118

The care the eagle gives her young, safe in her lofty nest, is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.

As when the time to venture comes, she stirs them out to flight, so we are pressed to boldly try, to strive for daring height.

And if we flutter helplessly, as fledgling eagles fall, beneath us lift God's mighty wings to bear us, one and all.

For the Beauty of the Earth – UMH 92

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; *(Refrain)*

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee 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 ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; *(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 thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; *(Refrain)*

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: *(Refrain)*

Call to Worship

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

Congregation: Thank you God for giving us mothers.

Leader: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

Congregation: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

Leader: We take time to remember our mothers and the mother-like women who have nurtured us, because a mother's love is most like God's love.

All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unflinching trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

Opening Prayer

Living God, long ago, faithful women who were mothers, daughters, wives and sisters, proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Thank you for their strong witness. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Mothers and All Nurturing Women on Mother's Day

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life and nurturing human souls. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothering women the courage they need to face the uncertain future that nurturing others always brings. Give them the strength to love and to be loved in return. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children and all in their sphere of influence. Give them joy and delight to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.