

Date: May 12, 2024
7th Sunday of Easter
The Gifts of Women Day
Mother's Day

Prayer of Preparation

Source: Unknown

All my children think I am far away; but I am always right beside you. I will never leave you. Never! Not even for a moment. If you open your heart, you will be able to recognize me. And you will know how much I love you. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Clara H Scott

Welcome

***Candle Lighting Litany**
(Source: Anne Ashworth)

Marjorie Egger, Bonnie Ekas, and
Pam Jusino

1st Mother: We are three women, come to celebrate mothering in the presence of God. **I light** my candle for all the mothers throughout the generations who have loved and laughed and labored.

2nd Mother: **I light** my candle for all women alive today, who still love and laugh and labor for children.

3rd Mother: **I light** my candle because Jesus was born of a woman and was nurtured in her love, so that in later years, he compared himself and his people to a mother hen gathering her chickens under her wings.

1st Mother: But **I must put out** my candle because mothers in our Nation weep and rage for their sons and daughters lost in school shootings. Let us pray for them (*Pause*)

2nd Mother: **I put out** my candle because mothers in Africa and India watch their children die of starvation. Let us pray for them. (*Pause*)

3rd Mother: **I put out** my candle because mothers in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, mourn their children who are victims to war. Let us pray for them. (*Pause*)

1st Mother: Nevertheless, there still abide faith, hope, and love. So, **I relight** my candle in the faith that God is present in every mother's suffering and in every mother's joy.

2nd Mother: **I relight** my candle in the hope of a world where all women may rear their children in peace, dignity and delight.

3rd Mother: **I relight** my candle because God is love, and as humankind is made in the image of God, so mothering must fully focus that image of love.

Together: *Now abide these three: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love. Let us worship!*

***Hymn**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

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Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

(*Source: Sacredise*)

God of Compassion, your life pulses in each of our hearts, and your love permeates each of our lives. Your care sustains us in each moment, and your compassion guides us in each situation. When we fall, you lift us, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded, you nurse us, when

we grieve, you weep with us. But we have failed to love as you do, we have filled our minds with selfish dreams, we have made our hearts cold and empty of compassion, we have forgotten our lessons, and distorted your image within us. As a mother forgives her sons and daughters who hurt her, we ask you to forgive us; as a mother calls her children to be reconciled with their siblings, we ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another. We ask this all in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination		Liturgist
Anthem	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. Art Henry
Reflection	Journey of Faith	Karen Palermo
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 7: 7-11	
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 4: 31-32; 5:1-2	
<i>Source: New Revised Standard Version</i>		

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God: Joys and Hopes
& The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel

***Doxology:**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all people hear below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Liturgist

Faithful God, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives for the women who love us and nurture us and teach us to be loving people. Bless them and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

For All the Faithful Women

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***Benediction**

Postlude

When We All Get To Heaven E. Wilson & E. Hewitt

Next Week's Liturgist: Al Cybart

Today's flowers are given by Jim Reed in loving memory of
Midge Reed for Mother's Day and for all mothers.

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Pam Jusino

Ushers: Lisa Botluk and Silvia Ritchie

Music: Art Henry

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3 - JUNE 12 @ 10AM - ADULT ED BIBLE STUDY:
"Picturing Scripture" with Alan Keohane is an engaging online Bible Study
To join the class, go to: westminster-rehoboth.org and click "view live
stream".

SUNDAY, May 12 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for a Mothers' Day luncheon sponsored by the Fellowship Team. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate or sponsor one of the lunches.

May 19 - Worship Committee Hosting.

May 26 -We start with a lighter fare: Fellowship Team hosting.

SUNDAY, MAY 19 @ 10am – 12pm - NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME

Reception of New Members will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

GIVE YOUR GIANT RECEIPTS TO WESTMINSTER

For the past 12 years and thanks to Pat Dukes leadership, WPC has generated \$36,000 from Giants receipts. That is approximately \$2800 per year that returns to the church's ministries. For every dollar you spend at Giant Foods, WPC gets money back. An easy way to contribute money to WPC without adding any more costs to you.

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Ken and Judy McDyer continue their Pilgrimage in Spain –
El Camino de Santiago de Compostela - "The Way".

4/29/24 - Viana to Logroño

Our 94.7 km (58 mile) adventure has brought us to the charming city of Logroño, where we'll stay for two nights. Today's picturesque walk through farmland and industrial areas featured stunning vineyards and olive tree groves, but left us feeling exhausted and sore. We hope this brief respite will revitalize us.

5/1/24 - Logroño to Navarrete and 5/2/24 - Navarrete to Ventosa

We went to the cathedral in town this morning to pray before our walk today. There are many icons of Mary with Jesus as a baby. I needed the reminder that Jesus came to us as a baby, to live among us, to laugh with us, to cry with us, eat with us and to drink with us. Most importantly, he came to teach us and to be an example for us. Jesus, fully human and fully God! Hallelujah.

5/3/2024 - Ventosa to Azofra - 16km (10 miles)

Today we had an early start in Ventosa and had breakfast at a local restaurant before leaving town. The scenery as we headed towards the town of Najera was beautiful with vineyard and olive groves side by side. We discussed a few Bible verses about vineyards while walking. We also prayed for ourselves and others as we walked. More vineyards and olive groves but the snow-capped mountains in the distance were magnificent.
572 km to go! 129 done.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Happy, happy 91st birthday, **Mimi Peters!** May you enjoy this special day and may this next year be full of happiness and good health. We hope to see your brilliant smile again soon.

The Pratt family is engaged in epic struggles. **Betty's daughter, Lacey, and son, Richard,** are undergoing complex medical therapies to combat their conditions. They are residing at Betty's home for the time being. Together in prayer, we lift them up above sickness and fear. We ask Our Lord to lead them through their treatments to remission. May they find courage and strength in each other and the love and support of the WPC family.

Former WPC member, **Pamela Lynn Rutherford** (54), passed into Glory on April 11, 2024. Pamela was a member of the Pastor Search Committee when John Dean retired. Her life was dedicated to protecting the environment, encouraging healthy lifestyles, promoting local businesses, protecting animals, and enjoying time with family and friends. We praise Our Lord for the promise of salvation to those who will believe. Pamela is released from the pain and suffering of the body to the sanctified and eternal life in the presence of Christ. *Absent from the body; present with the Lord.* May the Holy Spirit comfort and support her mother, and our Sister in Christ, **Marlene Rutherford.** A Celebration of Life will be held at Parsell Funeral, 16961 Kings Highway in Lewes on May 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

Surgery and Post-Surgery:

Nathan McElroy, (great-grandson of Mable Granke)

Barbara Miller (wife of Hull McLean)

Stephanie Stevens (niece of Terri Eros)

Marlene Quinn

Illness

Pat (friend of Silvia Ritchie and John Hawkins)