

# May 9, 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

## Order of Worship

### Guest Preacher – Rev. Ron Welborn

Rev. Welborn grew up on the coast in Aransas Pass, graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Music degree and served in the 424th and 62d U.S. Army Bands. He has had two careers. First, as a music educator and high school band director for thirty years. Secondly, he entered the ministry and served 20 years before retiring a year ago. Appointments as a pastor were at Cuero, La Feria, First Seguin (associate) and then back for a year in Cuero as part-time. Today, he and his wife volunteer at the local food pantry in Seguin and care for community cats. Married for over 50 years; three children; six grandchildren, two cats and a dog. He and his wife Darlene are parents of Rev. Teresa Welborn, the District Superintendent of the Capital District.

**The Chancel is decorated by the Methodist Women in honor of all Mothers.**

### ● Welcome

### ● Announcements

- ~Hearing Assistance is available - please see the Greeter.
- ~The Nursery with attendant is open for children ages 4 and under.
- ~May 10 – Administrative Board Meeting at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall
- ~May 16 – Graduate Recognition, Guest Preacher-Rev. Ron Welborn
- ~May 23 – Guest Preacher-Rev. Ron Welborn
- ~May 30 – Guest Preacher-Rev. Ron Welborn
- ~June 5 – Methodist Men @ 8am in the Fellowship Hall
- ~June 6 – Guest Preacher-Rev. Kendall Waller

### ● Remember our Baptism –

Leader: I am God's beloved child

**All: I am God's beloved child**

Leader: I bring God great joy

**All: I bring God great joy**

Leader: I am loved

**All: I am loved**

Leader: I am forgiven

**All: I am forgiven**

Leader: I am accepted

**All: I am accepted**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: AMEN!

**All: AMEN!**

### ● Lighting of the Candles –

### ● Opening Song – Down To The River to Pray – Green Song Book 3164

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1 As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
good Lord, show me the way.  
O sisters, let's go down,

let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, sisters, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

2 As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
good Lord, show me the way.  
O brothers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

3 As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
good Lord, show me the way.  
O fathers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, fathers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

4 As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
good Lord, show me the way.  
O mothers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, mothers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

5 As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
good Lord, show me the way.  
O sinners, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down,  
Come on, sinners, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

● Responsive Reading – Blake Sitka

**Psalms 98 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds. His right hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power!

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!**

<sup>5</sup> Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song,

<sup>6</sup> **with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy** <sup>9</sup> **before the Lord,**

for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.**

● New Testament Reading – Dick Nance

**1 John 5:1-6 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. <sup>2</sup> We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. <sup>5</sup> And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup> And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.

● Song: Blessed Assurance – Red Song Book 369

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1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
(Refrain)

● Sermon – Rev. Ron Welborn – “Mom didn’t say that!”

**Luke 8: 19-21** (NLT) <sup>19</sup> Then Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him, but they couldn’t get to him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup> Someone told Jesus, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to see you.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus replied, “My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God’s word and obey it.”

● Affirmation of Faith – Dick Nance

**We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God’s holy universal church. We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God’s glory. AMEN**

● Song: What A Friend We Have In Jesus – Red Song Book 526

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

● Offering – thanksgiving to God

● Doxology – “Give Thanks” – Black Song Book 2036

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**Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

● Prayer time – **The prayers of the faithful – are powerful and effective – AMEN!**

● Mother’s Day Litany

**Litany for Mother’s Day**

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from you, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for step-moms.

**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who have lost children.

**Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for women who think about becoming moms.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

**Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

**Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

Lord, Bless all mothers on this special day; in the name of Jesus we pray together. **Amen.**

● 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN**

● Closing Songs: Blest Be The Tie That Binds – Red Song Book 557

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1. Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again

● Benediction – Dick Nance

May God who has begun a good work within you, continue that work until the day when Christ Jesus returns. May your love overflow more and more; may you continue to grow in knowledge and understanding, so that you can clearly discern what really matters, and so that you may stand pure and blameless before God on the day of Christ's return. The God who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in peace. AMEN

● Spirit of the Living God – Red Song Book 393

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**Spirit of the living God**

**Fall afresh on us**

**Spirit of the living God**

**Fall afresh on us**

**Melt us**

**Mold us**

**Fill us**

**Use us**

**Spirit of the living God Fall afresh on us**

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