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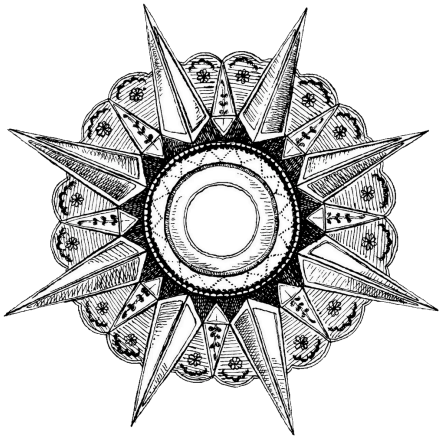


Morning Worship
10:00 AM
May 10, 2026
Celebration of Women

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

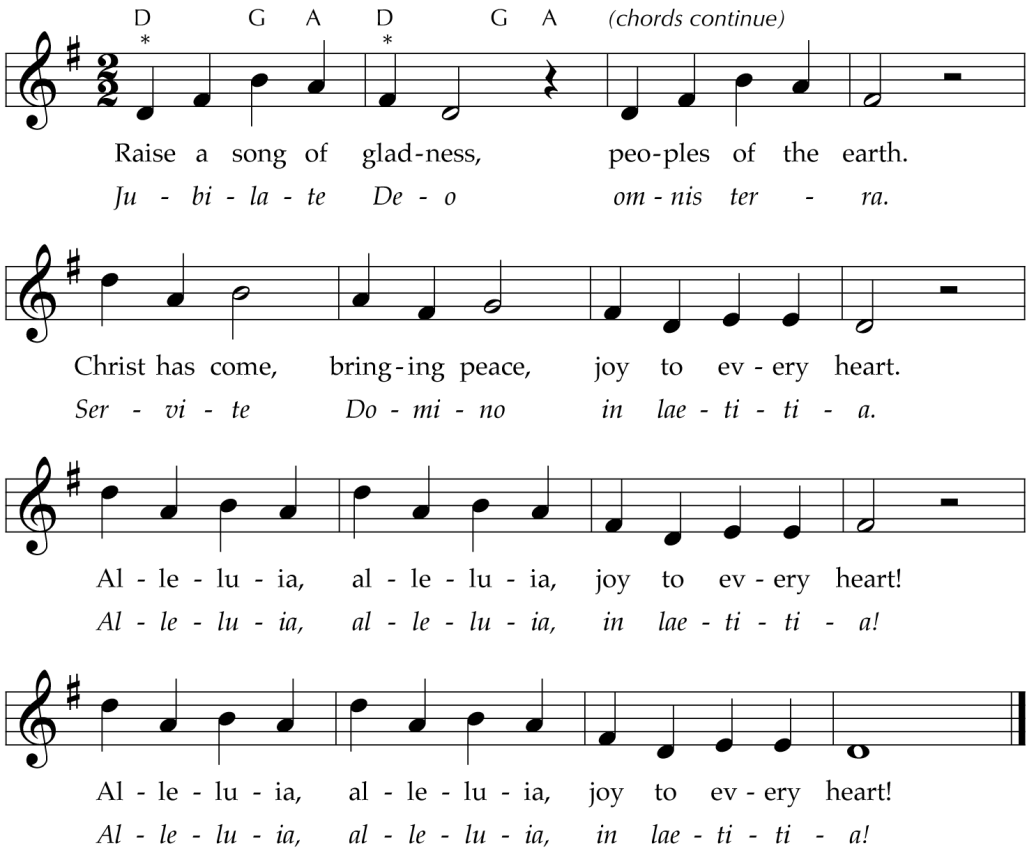
GREETING
Leader: CHRIST IS RISEN!
People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF GATHERING (Sung twice)

155 Raise a Song of Gladness

Jubilate Deo



MOVING FROM GETTING HERE TO BEING HERE

Copastors: Congregation, are you here?

People: We Are Here

PRELUDE

Then in seminary, I made a shocking discovery: the Bible itself uses feminine language for God. No longer could I simply dismiss it as a radical feminist invention. Why, I began to wonder, do inspired authors use it, why did I not know about this before, and what difference will knowing it make? For the first time, I began to ponder what it was about my social location that made feminine language for God strike me as a diminishment rather than an enrichment.

--Dr. Margo Houts, Professor of Theology, Fuller Seminary

✝CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We saw a stranger yesterday.

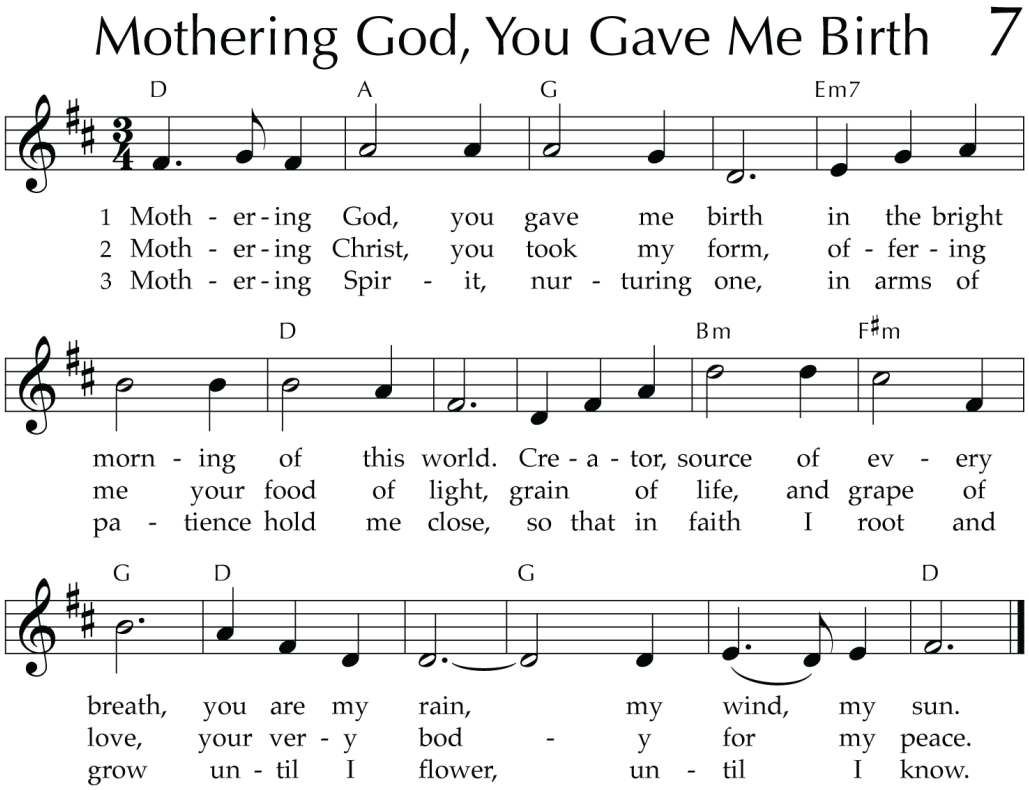
People: We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place.

Leader: And, in the sacred name of the triune God, the stranger blessed us and our house, our cattle and our dear ones.

People: As the lark says in her song: often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

Leader: Let us worship the God who gathers us in.

✝HYMN



✝CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: It's so simple, just listen to how our mother's taught us to live in your light, O God. Yet, somehow, we find ourselves wandering off where we know we shouldn't. But rather than grounding us, or sending us to our room without supper, you have laid grace's feast before us. Let us unburden ourselves before God.

✝PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Why is it so hard to trust in your grace, Loving God? We put a lock on our hearts and feelings, while you share your precious Child with us. You call us home to dinner, but we would rather keep playing in the shadows of life.

Forgive us, Goodness and Mercy. Fill us with the living waters of hope, so we can share with others. Feed us at your Table of joy, so we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with glad and gracious hearts.

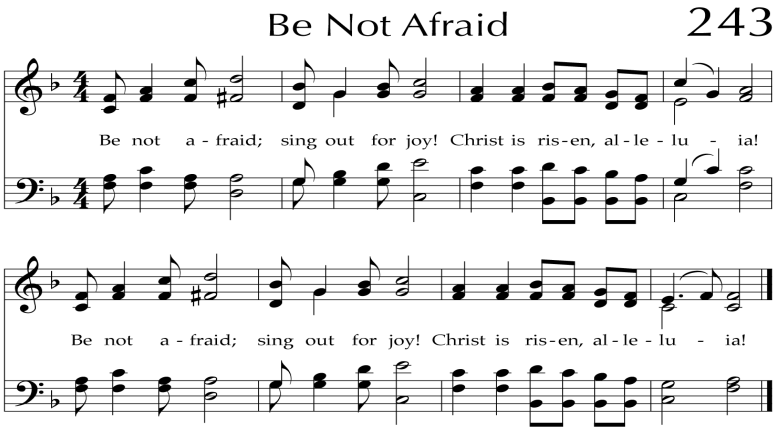
TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

⌖ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

People: We will show others who we are - and Whose we are - by the loved poured out by our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

⌖ RESPONSE OF JOY #243



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: God of Hosts, as your angels rolled away the stone from Christ's tomb, let them also roll away the stones from our hearts, that your Word might rise again in each of us and call us out to meet you in the world around us.

SCRIPTURE READING (CEB) Acts 16:13-15

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL OFFERING ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** *John Rutter*

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN Vanna Ortiz

(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

STORYTELLING *Alice McCoy & Shonna Speciale & Jacque Lieberman*

JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(A Silence)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Bill Shuttleworth**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus Version)

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be our longing in heart and in action. May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict, but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

✠RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #401 v. 1

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠HYMN

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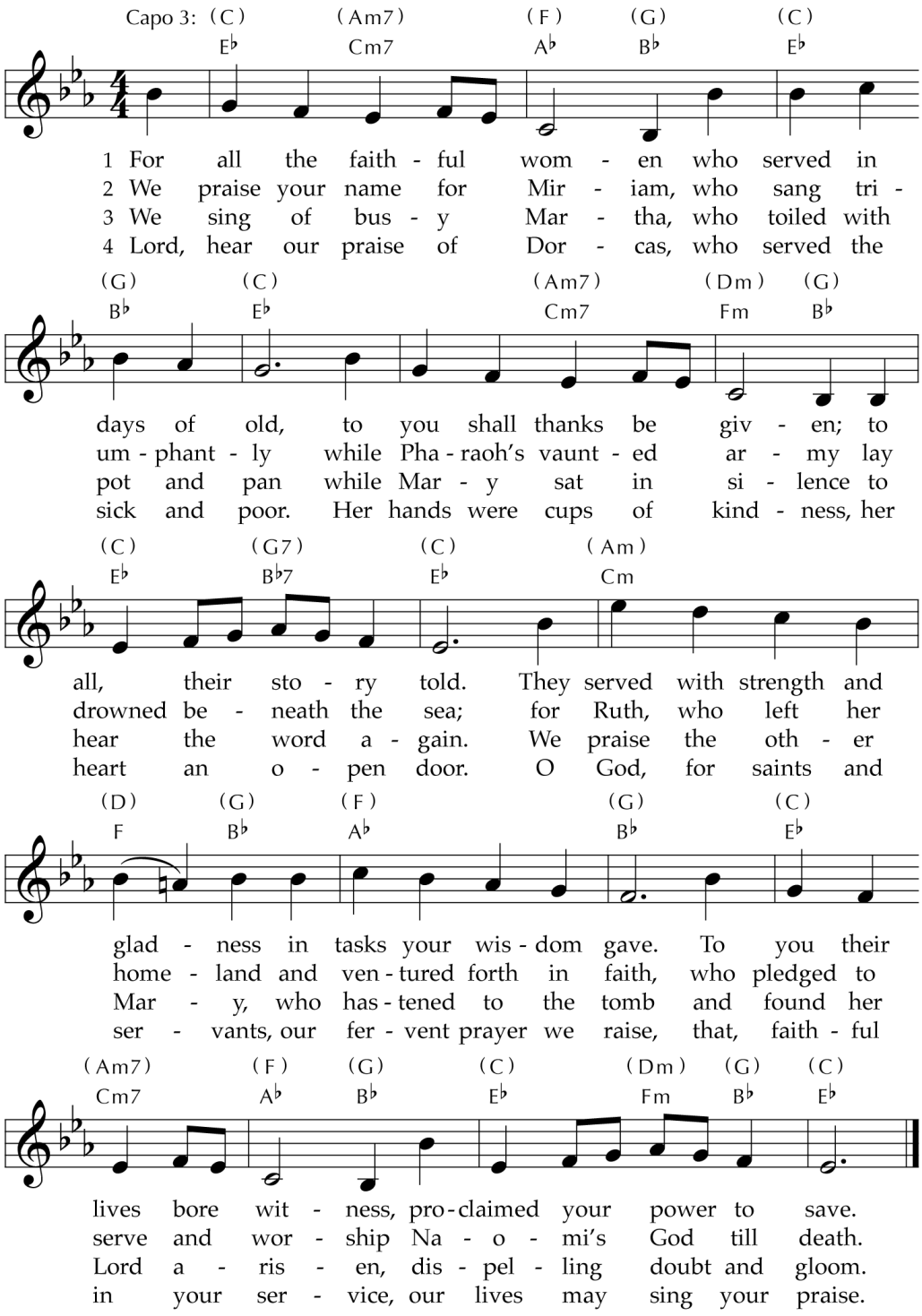

✠BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE John Rutter

Prayer of St. Patrick

Adult Choir

⌖POSTLUDE

⌖THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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