

**Northgate United Methodist Church**  
**May 10, 2020**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**Thank God for mothers!**

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**Thank God for my mother!**

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**Thank God for the mothers of today.**

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

**Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. AMEN!!!**

Opening Hymn

*Ye Servants of God, vs. 1 & 4*

UMH 181

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.**

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you gave us the Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us, in the home of the Mother-and-Father of us all. Draw us more deeply into yourself, through scripture read, water splashed, bread broken, wine poured, so that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life. **AMEN.**

Hymn

*Rise up, O Women of God, vs. 1 & 4*

UMH 576

**Rise up, O women of God!  
Have done with lesser things.  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength  
to serve the King of kings.**

**Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod.  
As sisters of the Son of Man,  
rise up, O women of God!**

Community Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Affirmation for Mother's Day

(An adaption from a Liturgy by Tom Trinidad, Head of Staff at Faith Presbyterian)

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 wisdom to teach their families to share with others.**

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 girls and women who think about being 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, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May the women hearing your words today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

Anthem

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"What a Mother Won't Do"

Pastor Freddie Orr

Benediction


**Today's Worship Leaders**

Preacher ..... Pastor Freddie Orr  
 Liturgist ..... Valerie Orr  
 Music Director..... David Forbus  
 Accompanist ..... Laura Benton

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Join our live-streamed worship service starting at 10:45am Sunday.

The service will be presented online on FaceBook live, but you do not have to be a FaceBook user to watch it.

- Go to our website: [www.northgateumc.org](http://www.northgateumc.org)
- Scroll down to the bottom of the opening page to the lower right hand corner.
- Click on the  button and you'll be connected to the live stream.
- Enjoy this special community experience during worship.
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2. **Drop a check** into the locked mailbox by the East side of the front main entrance double doors. Contents are not accessible without a key, so your donation will be safe. It is checked regularly.
3. **Online** through our conference offices via a link located on our website. Go to [www.northgateumc.org](http://www.northgateumc.org); scroll to the bottom of the front/first page of the site; click on the "Donate Here" button and follow the instructions. Please note the complete name of the church: Northgate United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your generosity. We hope to "see" you Sunday morning! Be safe. Be Blessed.