

Seventh Sunday of Easter ... Mother's Day

Gathered together  
to  
worship God

May 13, 2018




They went to the room upstairs ... and devoted themselves to prayer

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Beginning with Praise

Lord of the home

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1.

Lord of the home, your only Son  
received a mother's tender love,  
and from an earthly father won  
his vision of your home above.



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2.

Help us, O Lord, our homes to make  
your Holy Spirit's dwelling place.  
Our hands' and hearts' devotion take  
to be the servants of your grace.




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3.

Pray we that all who with us dwell,  
your love & joy & peace may know;  
and while our lips your praises tell,  
may faithful lives your glory show.



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4.

Teach us to keep our homes so fair,  
that were our Lord a child once more,  
he might be glad our hearth to share,  
and find a welcome at our door.




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5.

Lord, may your Spirit sanctify  
each household duty we fulfill.  
May we our Master glorify  
in glad obedience to your will.



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Announcements



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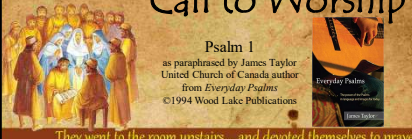
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Prelude



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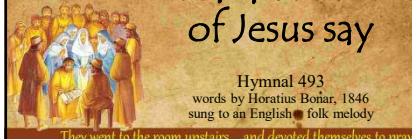


## Call to Worship

Psalm 1  
as paraphrased by James Taylor  
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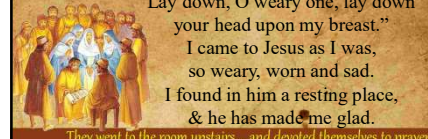


## I heard the voice of Jesus say

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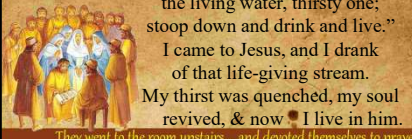


## I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad.  
I found in him a resting place,  
& he has made me glad.

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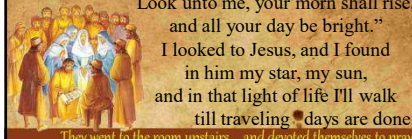


## I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived, & now I live in him.

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## I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun,  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till traveling days are done.

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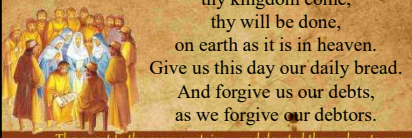


## Opening Prayer

written by Rev. Thom M. Shuman,  
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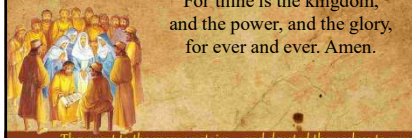


## Our Father, who art in heaven,

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

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## And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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## The story continues

### Acts 1:6-11

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Returning our  
Tithes and  
Offerings

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Offertory Video  
"The Mom song"

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Unison  
Mother's Day  
prayer

by the Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn  
until her death in 2016, she was a minister  
of The United Methodist Church

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Loving God, we know your love  
because we have mothers.

We thank you for the mothers  
who carried us in their wombs,  
nourishing, protecting, and bringing  
us into the world.

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We thank you for the mothers  
who did not give birth to us,  
yet loved us just the same.

With gratitude we remember  
their words of encouragement  
when we have felt unsure or afraid;

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we thank you for their kindness  
when the world  
has treated us unkindly;

we thank you for their soft,  
comforting arms  
and the gentle way  
they kissed away our tears;

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we thank you that they protected us  
with the fierceness of a lioness  
protecting her cubs;

we thank you for the times  
when they corrected us  
rather than letting us  
continue down wrong paths.

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Help us to live so that their  
investment in us  
might not be in vain.

We honor our mothers  
with lives of service to you  
in the name of the Risen Christ,  
for it is in his Name we pray. Amen.

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The story continues  
Acts 1:12-14

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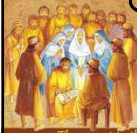
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Sharing a joy,  
a concern, a word  
of testimony  
or praise

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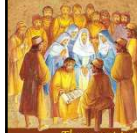


God of the Women

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(Geneva Press, 2000)

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God of the women  
who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises,  
giving their all,  
Women like Sarah  
and Hannah and Ruth —  
Give us their courage  
to live in your truth.

*They went to the room upstairs ... and devoted themselves to prayer*


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God of the women  
who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources,  
learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna,  
Susanna, and more —  
May we give freely  
as they did before.

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God of the women  
long put to the test,  
Left out of stories,  
forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking:  
"Who smiled at my birth?" —  
In Jesus' dying  
you show us our worth.

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God of the women  
who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others  
in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit  
on Pentecost Day —  
May we so gladly  
proclaim you today.

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O God of Phoebe  
and ministers all,  
May we be joyful  
in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of  
your Spirit so near  
That we may share in  
your ministry here.

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Prayer

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The story continues  
Acts 1:15-26


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today's message:

*"First steps"*



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Renew your church

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words by Kenneth L. Cober  
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Tune, "All is Well", an American folk hymn,  
adapted from Sacred Harp, 1844.




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<sup>1a.</sup>

Renew your church,  
its ministries restore,  
both to serve and adore.  
make it again  
as salt thru-out the land  
and as light from a stand.




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<sup>1b.</sup>

'Mid somber shadows of the night  
where greed and hatred  
spread their blight,  
O send us forth  
with power endued.  
Help us, God, be renewed.




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<sup>2a.</sup>

Teach us your word,  
reveal its truth divine;  
on our path let it shine.  
Tell of your works,  
your mighty acts of grace;  
from each page show your face.




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<sup>2b.</sup>

As you have loved us,  
sent your Son,  
and our salvation  
now is won,  
O let our hearts  
with love be stirred.  
Help us, God, know your word!




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<sup>3a.</sup>

Teach us to pray,  
for you are always near.  
Your still voice let us hear.  
Our souls are restless  
till they rest in you,  
where we find strength anew.




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<sup>3b.</sup>

Before your presence  
keep us still  
that we may find  
for us your will  
and seek your guidance  
every day.  
Teach us, Christ, how to pray!




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<sup>4a.</sup>

Teach us to love  
with heart and mind and soul.  
You, O Christ, be our goal.  
Break down old walls  
of prejudice and hate  
Leave us not to our fate.




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4.

As you have loved  
and given your life  
to end hostility and strife,  
O share your grace  
from heaven above  
Teach us, Christ, how to love!

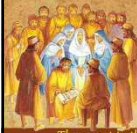


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Benediction

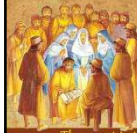
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Postlude



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