**May 11, 2025**

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MOTHER’S DAY**



**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**Preparing for Worship “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” – please join in singing**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome**                              *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship** *(based on themes from Psalm 139)*

L: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

**P: who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,**

L: teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

**P: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

**Opening Worship Song** *“Now Thank We All Our God”*  # 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;

who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;

and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;

the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;

the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

AMEN

**Opening Prayer**

**"Loving God, We are grateful for the mothers who have shaped our lives, nurtured our spirits, and loved us unconditionally. Today, we lift up all mothers, both those who have given us birth and those who have served as guiding lights in our lives. We ask for your blessing upon them, for strength in their daily challenges, for grace in moments of difficulty, and for the joy of knowing that their love has made a difference in the world. May your peace and comfort fill their hearts, and may their lives be a testament to the beauty and power of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."**

*Please Be Seated*

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concerns……………*Gathered Prayer***

***Singing of THE LORD'S PRAYER–***

*Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the*

*power, and the glory, forever.  Amen.*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *”For The Ones Who Mother Me”*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn**  “Faith of Our Mothers” [NO VOCALS]

Faith of our mothers, living still, fresh in our memories, held in our hearts.

Here or in heaven their deeds live on, spreading the joy God’s love imparts.

Refrain: Faith of our mothers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, hoping still, praying for every daughter and son,

Building us up as a family in Christ, working that we may all be one. (Refrain)

Faith of our mothers, living still, trusting the truth of kindness and grace,

Sharing God’s Spirit in service and strength, living life well, and running faith’s race. (Refrain)

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson                                          John 10:22-30**

22 The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. 24 The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, “How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered, “I have told you, but you don’t believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, 26 but you don’t believe because you don’t belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

**Sermon** *“Mother’s Day Interview Questions & Answers”*

*Please stand*

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

      I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

      And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

      who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

      suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

      the tHird day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

      and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

      from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

      I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

      the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

      the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  Amen.

**Closing Hymn** *“Giving Thanks to Mothers (tune of “Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee”)*

Lord, we thank you for the mothers by whose faith we come to Thee;

Who reflect Your grace and mercy in their faces, You, we see.

Honor mothers, God commands us, show respect and loving care,

Instruments You made to guide us Mothers who Christ’s love doth share.

Through the ages, leading forward Moms who serve to glorify.

Eve’s firstborn starts all the races, child in pain sparks Hagar’s cry.

Hannah’s prayers and Mary’s song tell acceptance of God’s will.

King of grace and peace and patience these the lessons mothers tell.

Lord, we thank you for the mothers who have brought us forth on earth.

Giving life that we may worship Savior born of Virgin birth.

All created by Holy Maker workmanship beyond compare

For the gift of moms, we thank Thee, praise to You, we do declare.

**Benediction**

*Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer*

**Choral Benediction “Count Your Blessings”**

Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy,**

**please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029**

When we pray for others, God also opens our eyes to the needs of people everywhere—their pain, addiction, hurt, illness and heavy hearts. In prayer, our hearts recognize that every, single person matters to God.

**Prayer Requests from May 4th**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WAS NOT ENTERED ON A PRAYER CARD,***

***IT IS NOT LISTED HERE.***

Prayers for Ulan for healing and better health and to stay in faith with God.

Prayers for Phil Dehennis health issues

Prayers for John & Keri health issues

JOY - Pastor Randy's cancer blood tests came back with a good report!

Continued prayers for Bob Charleton as he continues treatment for a wound.

Prayers for Paul & Grace Keiling. Paul is responding well to chemo. Prayers for his health, and for his spirit to be lifted.

Prayers for Sutton's grandma Michelle that had a fall and broke her wrist. Prayers for healing.

Prayers for Mary whose test showed a shadow on her breast.

Prayers for Tracey & Bill Lewis as Bill recovers and Tracey takes care of him.

Gene Saloky Uncle Bernie in Massachusetts is recovering from pneumonia - they did find a lesion on his lung, awaiting results.

Gene Saloky Aunt Maca (Kathy's sister) in Texas fell, head gash and some internal bleed, along with high blood pressure and vertigo conditions prior to fall.

Continued prayers for Kathy Saloky, thank you for your prayers for her and his sister, Lori.

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Sheryl Duke Bresnan Family

David & Esther Clinton Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers Meghann Riley Jennifer

Prayers for our incoming Pastor Lori and our congregation. Paul & Grace Keiley Bill & Tracey Lewis

**For families, especially:**

Zilpha and James Browne, The Stefanescu, Mc Manus, Salvadore, and Didirea Families

Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

**For an end to violence, for peace and stability**

PHiladelpHia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

It is through the Bible that we learn that God is our loving creator and constant wooer. God tells us in His Word that His love for us is deep, vast, and unchanging. The truth: He desires to be in close relationship with us, and has specifically designed us with gifts and talents that glorify Him. When we correctly view ourselves through God’s lens — we are so very loved, wanted, and valuable — we can push back on a secular world that says otherwise. The good news: Only God’s view matters!

**May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

John 13:31-35 - Acts 11:1-18 - Psalm 148 - Revelation 21:1-6

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**If you are interested in becoming baptized and/or a member here at Crescentville Church, please talk with Pastor Randy.**