

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day  
Rev. Kevin M. Pleas  
Online Worship  
May 9, 2021

**PRELUDE** "Here I Am, Lord" – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Kevin Pleas

**INTROIT** "Thy Word" (#326)

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

**Leader:** See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**People:** **By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain to us.**

**Leader:** Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**People:** **Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ.**

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Loving God, we thank you for the homes in which we were nurtured, and for the love that our mothers and fathers had for us. We thank you also for the new birth that Christ offers us through your love, and for the larger family we find in the church and among the people of the world. Through the power of your Spirit, make us alive to love and serve you in our families, our church, and our world; make us your true children of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN # 75** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Barbara Papagian

**TIME OF SILENCE**

## OUR 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 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (#306)

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "An Cailín Fionn (Natasha)" Susan Wilkes, Flute  
by Phil Coulter and James Galway

**SCRIPTURE READING** Karen Hawver  
Luke 2:41-51 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

"Treasures of the Heart"

Rev. Kevin Pleas

**HYMN**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

**CLOSING WORDS**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)**

**Go into the world,  
Knowing that you are a precious child of God's love,  
A love that is sweeter and more tender  
Than any you have ever known.**

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

"In Thee is Gladness" – J. S. Bach

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**Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.**

**Introit**  
**Hymn no. 326**

**“Thy Word”**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

**Opening Hymn no. 75**      **“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”**

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

**Prayer Response**  
**Hymn no. 306**

**“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**“Mother God, You Gave Me Birth”**

1. Mothering God, you have me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
2. Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
3. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.