



## *Celebration of Worship*

*We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. You may light a candle for yourself, your loved ones, or for a concern you have in your community or church so before the service or during the worship songs.*

*\*Indicates congregation standing as able*

\*Opening Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\*Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your way.*

\*Call to Worship:

Liturgist: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and grandmothers who have loved us.

**People: Thank you God for giving us mothers.**

Liturgist: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they have loved and cared for us.

**People: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know they loved us.**

Liturgist: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is like God's love.

**All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their love, and for their abilities, we give thanks today.**

\*Hymn "Here I am, Lord"

Special Music "God Is So Good/ Hallelu, Hallelujah!"

*Afterward the children's music, children (ages 3-10) may go to the nursery although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

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Tifani Vincent – Director of Children, Youth and Fellowship Ministries

Vera Kleinhenz – Choir Director

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 13, 2018

Scripture	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	<i>(The congregation is invited to voice joys and concerns. A tan c prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our week</i>
Anthem	“In Christ Alone”	MUMC Choir <i>(distribution.)</i>
Sermon	Leaders are Raised Up	Pastor Mills

Prayers of the People

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

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for my mother!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**All: 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.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in he

Give us this day our daily break.

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 forev

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Passing the Peace and Greetings

*The congregation is invited to exchange words of peace and greeti*

\*Hymn

“My Life Is in You, Lord”

\*Dismissal with Blessing

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Lu Brisbin, Liturgist

Tom Michel, Song Leader

Mountainside Choir

Dee Short, Organist

Karen Blackmore, Pianist

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Mountainside United Methodist Church would like to welcome our first time guests to our “Beacon on the Mountainside”. In honor of your visit, MUMC would like to make a donation in your name to a charity. In order for us to make these donations in your name please be sure to fill out the “First Time Guest Card” found in the registration booklet.