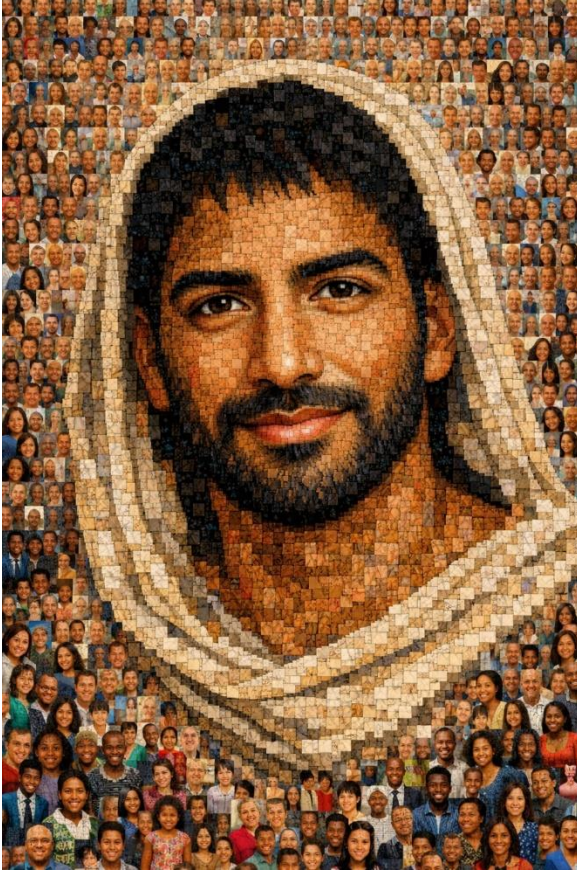


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“The Mothering Spirit of God”
Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 10th 2026

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

Morning Has Broken
Cory Walovich, trombone

arr. Brant Adams

***Call to Worship**

One: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

All: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

One: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

All: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

One: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

All: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

One: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

All: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

***Hymn of Praise 559 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

REGENT SQUARE

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious
blending all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;

what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Opening Prayer

**God of all time and space,
you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with
creation at a time before and beyond all knowing.
Through the Word and the Spirit,
you continue in eternal love for all beings.
Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence,
your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world.
Shape us into the people you have made us to be –
poured out in creative mercy
for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, who has heard
my voice and my supplications.
and has inclined his ear to me,
whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I beseech you, save my life!”

What shall I return to the LORD
for all my benefits?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD;**

I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call to you on the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
**in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the LORD!

Music of Preparation *We Thank You, Lord, for Family*
arr. Mary McDonald
The Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Romans 16:1-16

Sermon “The Mothering Spirit of God”
Pastor Ed Denham

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Eternal God,

Creator of all that is,

In you, we live and move and have our being.

You have placed us on earth

and sustained our being through the produce of the land
and the cleanness of the air we breathe.

You have made us for each other,

to tend and care for the weak as a Mother for her young
and ensure a just sharing of the earth’s resources.

But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people

**who hoard what the earth provides
and seem loathe to share the fruits of our labors,
who live for today with little thought for tomorrow,
who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us.
Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being.
In your grace, you offer us forgiveness
even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow.
You embrace us in all our sinfulness
And, in doing so, give us the chance to start again
to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus,
who chose the way of the Cross
that all might know the depth of your love for all you have
made. Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds
that we may grasp your forgiveness, and forgiven, seek to
forgive others.
Amen.**

*Written by the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting on the Church of
Scotland's Starters for Sunday*

**Leader: Hear the Good News: In Christ, we are redeemed and
forgiven. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!**

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

The 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
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

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“Bind Us Together”

Words: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)

“Sholom to You”

Words: Elise S. Eslinger, 1980

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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