



Lectionary Readings for May 20

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 13, 2012

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lonnie Buerge, Worship Leader

HYMN #12 st. 1

Come, let us all unite to sing

L: God bids us to come find rest for our weariness.

C: God bids us to come find peace deeper than our worry.

L: Welcome home, all you who are lost, wandering or stuck in despair.

C: Welcome to God's arms, as wide as a father's care, as warm as a mother's love.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #83

With happy voices singing

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Grittman

SCRIPTURE

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

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AFFIRMATION

We believe in the love Mary gave her son Jesus that caused her to follow him in his ministry and stand by his cross as he died.

We believe in the love of all mothers and fathers. It is stronger than steel, softer than down, and more resilient than a green sapling in the springtime.

We believe in the love of a community. It closes wounds, melts disappointments, and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the midst of adversity.

We believe that one of most beautiful sights in the world is seeing this love flow from parent to child and from community to child.

Thank you God for this love, which we believe is only the shadow of your love and a dark reflection of all that we can expect of the divine, both in this life and the next.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Brilliance (III)* Gotkovsky
Brett Jackson, saxophone

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

SERMON Leroy Seat
"Bearing Fruit"

HYMN #91 SJ *Like a mother who has borne us*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions and Announcements
We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.
- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- Offering

*HYMN #420 *Heart with loving heart united*
Children in Kindergarten - 5th grade dismissed

*SENDING FORTH

L: Now may the God of life and truth be real to us this week in all the affairs of our life, both great and small.

All: **And may the purpose of the divine fill our hearts with joy and excitement now and forever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

Mothers' Day Proclamation (1870) by Julia Ward Howe

Arise, then, women of this day!

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice." Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, Let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.