

Sebastopol United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 10, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Order of Worship, including Scripture

Seasonal Theme

Jesus is out of the grave and alive, and He is with us.

Theme for the day:

Jesus goes ahead of us and prepares for our eternity. And while we are here, he is our way, our truth, and our life.

Call to worship:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)

Welcome home, people of God.

We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

We have come to be nourished by God's word.

We are his people and are precious in His eyes.

We have come to give thanks for his faithful love. Amen.

Special Blessing for Mothers

Prayer of Illumination:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)

Father God, in the shelter of your healing love fortify us as living stones, and build us a spiritual home where all are welcome. Reveal to us your truth, and as we listen to your word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. Call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

Readings from Scripture: **John 14:1-14** **1 Peter 2:2-10**

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Message: **ONE HOUSE FITS ALL!**

Pastoral Prayer

Without the breath of life, we are nothing; and without the word of God, we are dust. Let us offer our lives and offering to God (which you may send by mail, if you wish).

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring or have sent in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. In Jesus's way we pray. Amen.

Blessing and Benediction:

Stay focused on Jesus. He is the truth. He is the way, and we won't go astray.

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Scripture Readings – May 10, 2020

first reading – JOHN 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

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Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

second reading – 1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation -- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner' and,

'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.