



May 12, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude *Deep River* M. Hayes

\*Call to Worship Lynda Baran

Leader: Today, we gather with hearts full of gratitude and reverence to honor the sacred role of mothers, the nurturers, the caregivers, the bearers of love.

People: **We come, recognizing the strength and wisdom of mothers, whose love knows no bounds, whose sacrifices shape our lives, whose presence guides our paths.**

Leader: On this Mother's Day, we draw inspiration from the story of Queen Esther, a woman of courage, faith, and grace, whose bravery saved her people in a time of peril.

People: **Like Esther, mothers embody resilience, facing challenges with unwavering determination, and trusting in God's providence to lead the way.**

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, for the mothers who have shaped us, for the mothers who continue to nurture and support us, and for the divine love that surrounds us all.

People: **May our worship today be a tribute to the queens among us, whose love reigns supreme, and whose strength knows no bounds.**

All: **Blessed be the mothers, today and always. Amen.**

\*Opening Song *Rescue the Perishing* #591

531 Moment

Choral Anthem *Celebrate God's Love* D. Besig & N. Price

Young Explorers

Offering *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* M. Hayes

\*Doxology #94

Morning Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

\*Scripture Reading Esther 4:4-17 Lynda Baran

Message Queen Esther: For Such a Time as This

Celebrating Holy Communion "One Bread, One Body" #620

\*Closing Song *Whom Shall I Send?* #582

\*Benediction

Postlude

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