

**Worship 9:30 a.m.**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday May 10, 2020**  
**Mother's Day**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: God's love is here for you.

**People: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

Leader: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

**People: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen.**

Leader: Come, the Gate and the Shepherd wait.

**Hymn – “This Is My Song”**

1. This is my song O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine
  
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song Thou God of all nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine
  
3. This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms  
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him  
And hearts united learn to live as one  
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations  
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

**Prayer of CONFESSION & PARDON**

**Jesus, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance: Jesus said to his disciples, "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me, but I chose you!" Jesus speaks these words to us today. Jesus forgives us and chooses us to be his friends, sharing his great work of love. Hallelujah! You are loved completely and forgiven!*

## **Choir Anthem/special music**

## **Children's Time**

### **Hymn - "Love Lifted Me"**

1. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.  
(Refrain)
2. All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing;  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs.  
(Refrain)
3. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.  
(Refrain)

#### **Refrain:**

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.

## **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS, The Peace of Christ**

## **Worship In Thanksgiving**

Offertory

\*Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE     John 15:9-17     Common English Bible**

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love.

<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

<sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete.

<sup>12</sup> This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup> I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you.

<sup>16</sup> You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

<sup>17</sup> I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**SPECIAL HYMN**

**"Gloria Patri"**

**UMH 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Sermon     "By This They Will Know"**

**Closing Hymn**     ***“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”***

1.     We are one in the Spirit  
       We are one in the Lord  
       We are one in the Spirit  
       We are one in the Lord  
       And we pray that all unity  
       May one day be restored

**Chorus:**

And they’ll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians  
By our love

2.     We will walk with each other  
       We will walk hand in hand  
       We will walk with each other  
       We will walk hand in hand  
       And together we’ll spread the news  
       That God is in our land (Chorus)

3.     We will work with each other  
       We will work side by side  
       We will work with each other  
       We will work side by side  
       And we’ll guard human dignity  
       And save human pride (Chorus)

4.     All praise to the Father  
       From whom all things come  
       And all praise to  
       Christ Jesus His only Son  
       And all praise to  
       The Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

Benediction

**Postlude "Shalom to You" UMH #666**

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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