

First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Tennessee
Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day
May 12, 2019 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 33*

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

People: We will praise the Lord with our voices and sing to the Lord a new song.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all God’s work is done in faithfulness.

People: For the Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth overflows with the steadfast love of the Lord.

*Hymn 9 *Now Thank We All Our God*

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Eternal and Everlasting Lord, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. In your presence now, we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved your ways. We have not loved others as you have loved us, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us now, O God, in your loving-kindness. Send us your Spirit to empower us to delight in your will, walk in your ways, and love in your name, so that you may be glorified in all we do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

*Hymn 139

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Reading: **Proverbs 31:10-31**

New Testament Reading: **Acts 9:36-43**

Gospel Reading: **John 10:22-30**

Sermon: **To Our Mothers – With Admiration and Love**

*Affirmation of Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn 544)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 100 (vs. 1,4& 6) *All Creatures of our God and King*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

*indicates you may stand