

Wycliffe

May 11, 2025 - Easter IV

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Welcome & Announcements
A PRAYER TO BEGIN WORSHIP

LET US WORSHIP

Music-Makers Sing!

PROVERBS 31 *(all read the bold)*

A woman of noble character is worth far more than rubies.

She brings good, not harm, all the days of her life.

*She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands,
and is like the merchant ship, bringing food for her family from afar.*

**She gets up while it's still night and provides food for her family
and portions for her servants.**

*She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She sets about her work vigorously, and trades profitably.*

She opens her arms to the poor and needy.

*She speaks with wisdom, and gives faithful instruction.
She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

**Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.**



HYMN 19 "GOD OF GREAT & GOD OF SMALL" *(stand in body or spirit -
all children are invited to come to the front & play rhythm sticks!)*

Share the Peace of the Risen Christ

WE CELEBRATE OUR MOMS!

Hear these words from Psalm 23 (NRSV)



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul, and leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (arr. E. Nelson)

Rachel Ordaz, flute Lui Lui Berz, cello

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to fear, what have I to dread, leaning on the everlasting arms ~

A BLESSING ON MOTHERS BY BLOOD OR BY HEART

*On this day, we're reminded that we do not begin with ourselves.
Our beauty, our pain, our heart's desires, do not exist in a vacuum,
but are tethered to those who've come before us.*

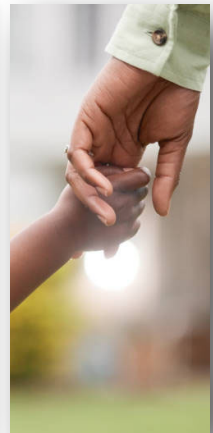
*Today we offer our blessing to those who are our first sanctuary
with a durable heart that offered itself to break and grow wide.*

*We bless all mothers: those who have protected us, those who are weary,
those who have stayed, those who have left, the grieved, the proud,
understanding that the story of a mother is not a simple one.*

*Knowing that no human experience is far from God,
leads us to know we were made to love and be loved.
The story is what endures, and runs deeper than blood.*

*So we dwell in a celebration of what abides
and as a benediction on what remains:*

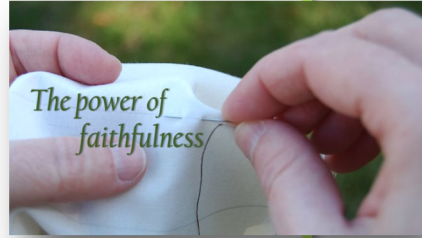
We are made of more than us.



(Cole Arthur Riley)

ALL SING: “And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn; make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.”

Scripture - Acts 9:36-43
The Word of God is Opened to Us
Rev .Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam



The Prayers of the People
followed by The Lord's Prayer (p. 35-hymnal)



WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH *(all read the bold)*

People of God, in whom do you believe?

We believe in God,
creator of all things, who loves all people.

We follow Jesus,
*in whom salvation has come;
who heals the wounds of our hearts and makes us new.*

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,
which empowers us for self-giving love to all God's creation.

**We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,
for the power of the resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life.**

***HYMN 53 "O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE"** *(stand in body or spirit & sing!)*

***THE BENEDICTION**



*All are invited to the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)*

*Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks
or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at
www.wycliffepresbyterian.org*

Today we welcome **Rachel Ordaz**, flute, and **Lui Lui Berz**, cello, to worship. Both are members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra; Rachel since 2012, and Lui since 2000. Wycliffe has been blessed to enjoy their beautiful music-making on numerous occasions.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of our mothers, Helen Gangwer & Marilyn Edwards
by David and Kelley Gangwer

Upcoming Week: May 11-17

TODAY: PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERING PENTECOST

TODAY: CHOIR PRACTICE at 9:30 am (music room)

TODAY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 am (ed. wing)

TODAY: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11 am (room 108)

TODAY: MUSIC MAKERS at 11am (music room)

THURSDAY: GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at 3:30 pm (room 207)

FRIDAY: KIDS CLUB from 5:30 to 7:30 pm (fellowship hall)

On the Horizon

May 18: Post Mothers Day Luncheon after worship (fellowship hall)

May 20: Ladies Lunch Out at Noon (Westminster Canterbury Pub)

May 21: Adult Small Group at 9:30 am (sanctuary)

May 26: Memorial Day ~ church office is closed

June 1: New Members Class at 11:15 am (room 207)

June 1: Graduation & Penpal Celebration Sunday ~ all grads are celebrated & penpals are encouraged to meet after worship.

June 7: Clean the Bay Day at 9:00 am (meet at WPC, carpool to site)

June 8: Pentecost Sunday ~ wear red & stay after for a congregational picture in the sanctuary

June 8: Biscuit Bar Luncheon after worship (fellowship hall)

June 8: Tidewater Classical Guitar Concert at 4 pm (sanctuary)



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