

# The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



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**May 14, 2023 9:30am  
Happy Mother's Day**

**Mask wearing is optional  
Please make the decision that is right for you.**

**Welcome to Worship:  
Announcements  
Opening Prayer**

Rev . Tina Salvaneschi

**Call To Worship:  
A Prayer for Mother's Day**

Stephen Levine

O God of Love, all other loves excelling,

We are privileged to be your eternal family, to be children of such a parent, loving us so perfectly. On this beautiful Mother's Day morning we come to you celebrating the gift of family. We see your glory and your wisdom in the diversity of that gift—a diversity that has always existed. We pray for small families like Elizabeth and Zechariah and their precious only son, John, and for large families like Jacob's, with his twelve sons. We ask your blessing on multigenerational families like Timothy's, whose mother and grandmother raised him in the faith. Bless single person families like Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. We pray especially for broken families like King David's. And for those like Ruth and Naomi who came through the pain of loss to establish new family ties.

We see in your Holy Word and in our unholy world all kinds of families with every sort of challenge, joy, failure, and pain. You haven't given up on families, Lord, so help us to support them in all their shapes and situations. Families are not perfect places, Lord, no matter how hard we try, because we are imperfect people. We need your kind of love for each other. We need your kind of clean-slate forgiveness for each other and that's hard.

There are folks whose greatest hurts were family blows, who just can't imagine forgiving or forgetting. We come together to ask You to be healing damaged relationships and painful memories. Show us how to deal with our grief and regrets and anger. Make us grateful when we have been parented wisely and well. Remind us all that we always have You and this covenant family, a home away from home. You are like a mother who will not abandon the child in her arms, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.

For You are love, and when we love, we are like You. Lord, we would reflect the love to our earthly family and to your eternal family and to your whole precious creation which You loved enough to send your only Son to save. Greater love has no one. And it is to You and in His dear name we pray.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (Hymn 7)**  
Terry Saxton

**Birthday's and Anniversaries** Stephen Levine  
**Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary** Terry Saxton

If you want to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards church building, renovation, improvement, sound systems, just waive your hand, or stand up and Pastor Tina will receive it in the basket!

**Celebrations, Joys and Concerns** Rev. Tina Salvaneschi  
The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns  
(Someone will bring the microphone around)

**...The Lord's Prayer**

**People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**Anthem:** For The Beauty of The Earth Ensemble

**Tithes and Offering: Prayer** Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

(Option: Place you index card with a private prayer for Pastor)  
(Option: write on index card a word or two what giving to God means to you place index cards in plate)

**Offertory Music:** Dr. Astrid Chan

**Doxology:** (*Hymn #606*) Congregation  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*praise Him all creatures here below;*  
*praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*  
*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Ruth 1:1-9, 14-16**

Stephen Levine

**1** Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. **2** The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. **3** Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. **4** Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. **5** Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

**6** Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. **7** Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. **8** And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. **10** And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

**14** Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. **15** And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

**16** But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you,  
**17** Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if *anything but* death parts you and me."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be To God.**

**Message:** "*Naomi, A woman Picking Up The Pieces*" Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

**Sending Hymn:** For All The Faithful Women (*Hymn 324*)

Terry Saxton

**Benediction:**

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

**Song:** *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Congregation

**Postlude:**

Dr. Astrid Chan

**Following Service this Morning. Please join us for coffee**

**And refreshments in the Ranch House**

Please see Bill Boals with questions

**Stay Connected During the Week!**

***“Sermon Debrief Bible Study”***

Tuesday 10:00am! Also available Zoom

Come and meet live in the Ranch House at 10:00am.

This is a great way to get to Fellowship, wrestle with questions about Sunday’s sermon, ponder the meaning of God’s Word, and discover how Scriptures can transform our lives today. This is led by Pastor Tina and is interactive and often there are donuts! Come join the live class if you are able!

## Mothering God, you gave me birth (Hymn 7)

**Verse 1** Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

**Verse 2** Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.

**Verse 3** Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.

**For all the faithful women who served in days of old**  
**(Hymn 324)**

**Verse 1** For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom  
gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power  
to save.

**Verse 2** We praise your name for Miriam, who sang tri-  
umphantly while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned be-  
neath the sea;  
for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,  
who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

**Verse 3** We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan  
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.  
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb  
and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

**Verse 4** Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick  
and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an  
open door.  
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,  
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

## **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father

Christians all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment

And live each moment

In peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me