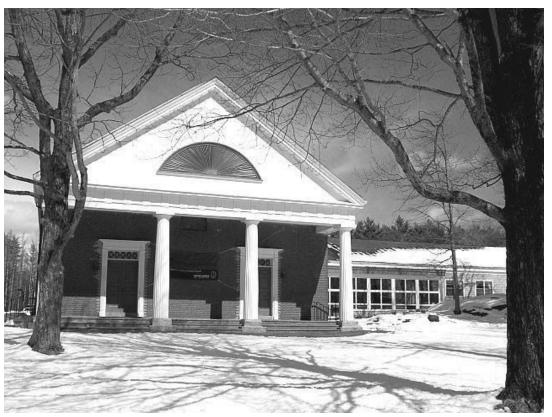


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# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS MOTHERING SUNDAY

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lord God, your mothering spirit is all around us.

All: In the growing green of the springtime world, the listening ear that you bend to pray,

in your fierce encouragement of our best selves.

One: Help us to accept the care you give to us.

All: And to join in with you so that we, too,

might be healers,

and help in your loving work of parenting our world.

One: Amen

**HYMN** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Geoff Parker

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL

Gracious God, who by your beloved Son has overcome death and shown us that nothing shall separate us from the fullness of your steadfast love, strengthen us in that faith in trouble or in gladness. In all the paths of life, reveal to us the risen Christ, that we may continue to rejoice in his resurrection. Amen.

#### ANTHEM

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:2-10 Jim Parr

THE SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

**MUSICAL MEDITATION & TIME OF PRAYER** 

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Peggy Horton

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE OFFERTORY

**CLOSING HYMN** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

**BENEDICTION** 

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go In Peace"

**POSTLUDE**