

**McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH**  
**May 11, 2025** **10:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Ledwell

**Prelude for the Easter Season** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* Sonshine Ringers

**Greeting and Opening Prayer** Lay Reader and Congregation

Leader: Like the tender parent who supports a child's first steps,

**People: God guides us along.**

Leader: Like the loving grandparent who gathers us into an abundant lap,

**People: God holds us in our times of need.**

Leader: Like a lasting friend who seems to sense our needs,

**People: God is mysteriously working for good in all our days.**

Leader: In many ways and with many faces.

**People: God is loving us. Hallelujah!**

**ALL:** Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid; we thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly; we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears; we thank you that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs; we thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in his Name we pray. Amen.

**\*The Hymn of Praise** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* vs 1-4 UMH 185

**\*The Statement of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

**\*Response** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* vs 1,3 UMH 526

**Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Ledwell

**Anthem** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* MMC Choir

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

Lay Reader

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks Be to God

Message:

*"Living in the Promises of God"*

Debbie Wissinger

\*Hymn of Dedication

*"Standing on the Promises"*

UMH 374

The Reception of New Members

Tithes and Offerings

\*Sending Forth

May the love of God be the passion in your heart and the joy of God be your strength when times are hard. Walk in the path set before you from God with the calm assurance you are not alone. Go now with the peace of God's presence. Amen.

Choral Response

*"May the Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

MMC Choir

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able

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The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and

In Memory of and In Honor of our Mothers

By Don and Laurie Moninger

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