

July 5, 2026
11:15 Traditional Service
United Women of Faith Sunday



Prelude: Psalm 19 - Marcello

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Your Word is a lamp to our feet.

People: And a light to our path.

Leader: Your Word is our heritage forever.

People: You bring us here, join us at heart, and we are grateful.

***Opening Prayer: O God of all people, your scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us, various and diverse people. Stories of many who grieved, of women who questioned, siblings who did not get along. Your Word is grace, meant for people just like us. There's no room for pretense here; we come as we are. And we are your people. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** TFWS 2223 - They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22 (Debbie Moss, 8:45am; Maggie Cissel, 11:15 am)

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Anthem: In the Midst of New Dimensions

Sermon: Ephesians: Unity Without Uniformity Margie Hernandez

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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Offertory: Prière à Notre-Dame - Boëllmann

***Doxology:** UMH 94

***An Alternate Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Despite the witness of Scripture and early Church tradition, we know that too often we have failed to recognize the Divinity of Christ in women. Therefore, today, let us as the Church affirm:

All: We believe God, our Divine Creator, is mothering us, cradling us in infinite grace and love. We believe, like Eve, we are partners with humanity and creation.

We believe, like Deborah, we are gifted with Holy Wisdom as we seek God's guidance. We believe, like Tamar, we are much more than the worst things done to us. We believe, like Esther, we are called to step out in faith, taking risks for the good of others.

We believe, like Ruth, we are meant to love others selflessly. We believe, like Mary, we can bring to life Divine hope for the world. We believe, like the woman caught in adultery, we are forgiven. We believe, like Martha and Mary, we are invited to be disciples of Jesus.

We believe, like Mary Magdalene, we are called to proclaim the Good News of resurrection, no matter how unbelievable. We believe, like Lydia, we are gifted with resources meant to be generously shared.

We see the Divine's goodness, courage, faithfulness, and resilience reflected in women throughout Scripture and in our world today. We believe we are called to follow their lead. Amen.

Credit: Rev. Stephanie York Arnold, General Secretary, The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

***Closing Hymn:** UMH 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail

***Benediction**

Postlude: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir (Old 100th "We Praise Thee, O God") - Pachelbel

PRAYERS Sun. 5. JULY

All Wars to End

Mary Ashton Athearn

Baines Family

Bob Ball

Robin Baker

Gary Barr

Marissa BeDell

Bonnie Bennett

Joyce Boltz

Sandy Boyd

Ruth Brown

Bob Brock

Denny Bromley

Sean Bryan

Building Bridges Families

Joan Canaday

John Capehart's family

Erin Cissel

Justin Cissel

Allen Cole

Steve Dailey

Truman Dalton,

Claire Dalton-sister passed
away Caroline Camp

Charlie Dominski (Marisol)

Leslie Fairbanks

Dorothy Ford

Christine French

Isabel Garcia

Cathy Garden

Amy Gilbert

Dee and Ralph Grim

Francine Guiser

Bob Hitchcock

Lois Hofman

Sara Holloway

William Hubbard

Larry Hughes

Debbie & Charlie Hunt

Incarcerated persons

Immigrants

Angela Jennings

Paul Jennings

Jim K.

Kat

Janet Kelleher

Roger Kelly

Baby Malek and family

Bill May

JC Meneses

Maxine Mizell

Eric Moberg

Frank Moss

Stephanie Murphy

Mavis Nesbit

Harold Ogg

Marea Oyloa

Boyd & Cindy Pitcock

Shirley Peterson

Carolyn Radcliffe

Frank Ramos

Henry Rutherford

John Russell

Melanie Sabanosh

Felisa Salamanca

Meg Saunders Family

Masen Savage

Melissa Shatzer

Steve Shatzer

Mark Short

Nicca Simonelli

Greg Sine

Bill & Sandy Silzer

Alicia Sommers

Dave Stum (surgery)

Mary Trent

Jeff Welch

Gloria Weyem

Carrie, Meredith, Phyllis Titus

Unhoused neighbors

Betty Sue Unger

People of Ukraine

Michelle Veatch

people of Venezuela

Will Vesterlund

Sandi Webster's mom

Dee Wheatley

Brian White

Judy Wright

Greif — the families of: **Barbara Devers,**

Stephanie Groom Knight, Jamie Walker; Mrs

Michael Williams

(Bold names = long term prayers)