

²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

SERMON *Living with Perspective: Thriving Life's Storms*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.

CHIMES *Water Music*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

† **DOXOLOGY** No. 95

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.

† **HYMN** No. 467 *Trust and Obey*

BLESSING

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Bonnie Miller

Greeter & Usher: Carole Strock & Earl Shaffer

Music Director: Kevin Duy *Organist:* Brad Haas

Mission of the Month: Sandra Kay Raasch

Sandra K. Raasch is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as Volunteers Coordinator. Sandy was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, earning her Bachelor of Science in business administration and finance in 1987. Sandy is a member of the UMC of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

05/12 Sandy Gustafson
05/13 Darrell Lohmeier
05/15 Grace Benson
05/16 Gary Anderson
05/18 Linda Duy
 Lilly Heiman

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING FOR:

Robert Beck — Lilli Jaeger — Carol Larson
Christine McMahon — Lynn Reeder

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:

The Family of Joyce Dell

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024 — 10:00 am Order of Worship



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**We are passionately united to feed all people —
body, mind, and spirit — to the glory of God!**

§ *Welcome in Christ's name to all visitors and guests. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you will experience God's presence with us and will come again soon. We welcome your inquiries about the Christian faith and about membership in the United Church of Sandwich congregation.*

- Please sign the **attendance pad** as it is passed to you, to let us know you were with us today.
- Please turn off cell phones and all electronic devices.
- Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
- (†) This sign indicates to stand if you wish.

PRELUDE

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **HYMN** No. 710 *Faith of Our Mothers*
(Tune: *Faith of Our Fathers*) See Insert

† **OPENING DIALOGUE**

Leader: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give You thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that You chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from Your hands, and gave it to us. Thank You for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank You for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Congregation: **Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

Leader: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Congregation: **Grant them rest and peace as they trust You for the future.**

Leader: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Congregation: **Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

Leader: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Congregation: **Grant them strength and wisdom.**

Leader: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Congregation: **Grant them relief and justice.**

Leader: We pray for women who mentor others.

Congregation: **Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

Leader: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Congregation: **Grant them faith and hope.**

Leader: We pray for moms who have lost children.

Congregation: **Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We pray for adoptive mothers.

Congregation: **Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift You have provided.**

Leader: We pray for women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Congregation: **Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

Leader: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

Congregation: **Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.
Amen.**

† **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. In our hearts we now speak the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples. . . We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:12-30

Paul's Present Circumstances

¹²I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, ¹⁴and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.¹⁵Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

Missions Cmte meeting is **tomorrow** at 12:30pm.

Chimes & Choir Practice will be Wednesday, 6:00pm & 7:00pm, respectively. Open to all.

United Women in Faith Thank Offering Boxes: Pick up one of their boxes to begin collecting your daily blessings. Your gifts are used in the total program of missions carried on by UW in Faith.

Meals on Wheels in June: Please consider volunteering a few hours for this important meal delivery program. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex.

The 4th Weekend Drive: The request will continue to be for "Dessert Mixes" May 25 & 26. If you are able, please bring cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. Items may be placed in the blue bin located in the Narthex.



Rummage & Bake Sale
June 7 & 8
Drop off dates, May 19-31
Take items to the southeast room.
Sign up sheets for sorting, cashiering, baked goods donations, general help and clean-up may be found in the Narthex.
Be sure to check it out!



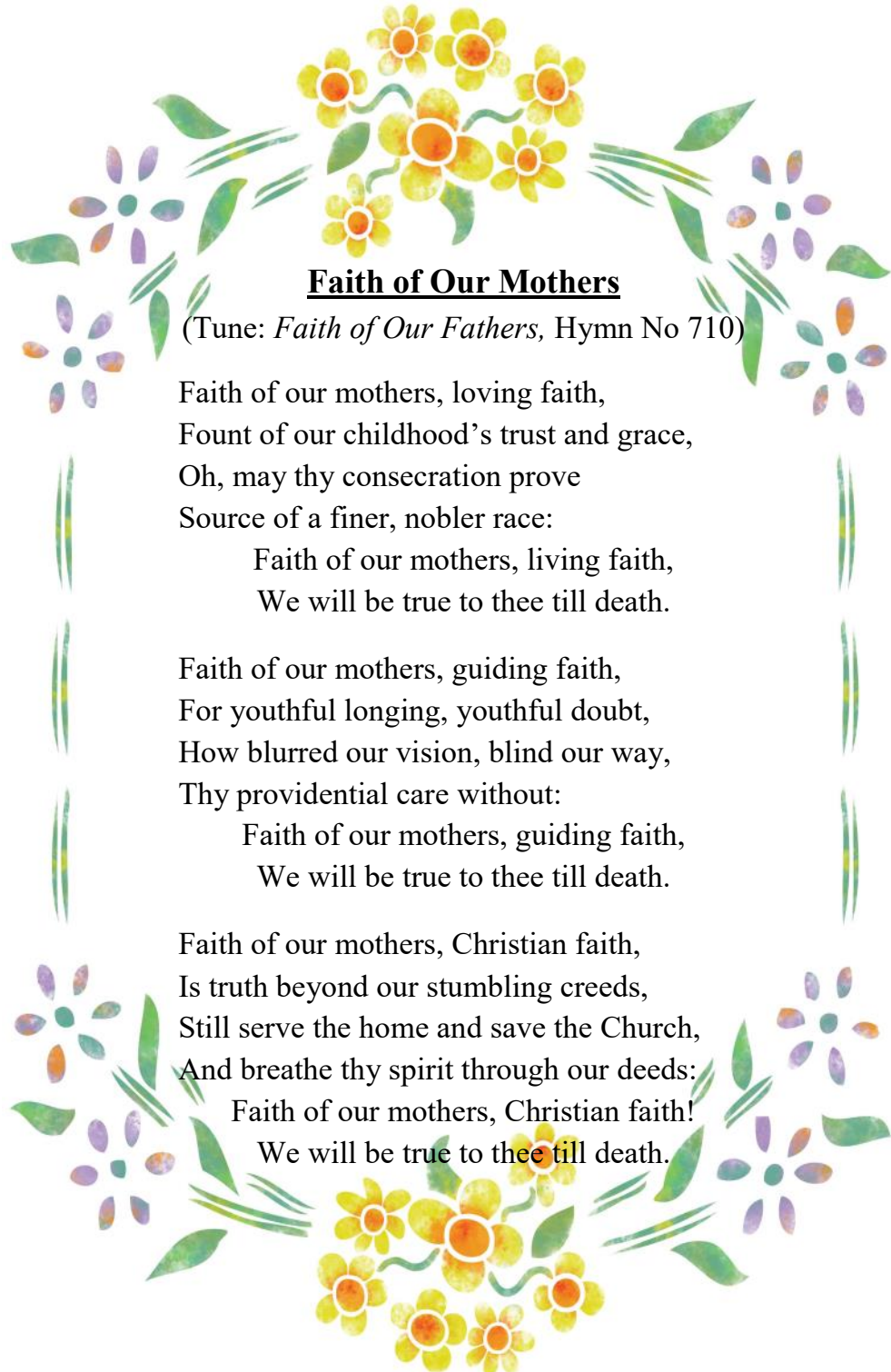
PIE OF THE MONTH EVENT ~ 2024

June Pie — Strawberry Rhubarb
Order Deadline — June 9
Pickup Date — June 15

These pies can be purchased baked or frozen (with baking instructions).

All pies will have to be picked up at the Church no shipping or delivery.

Check the Website: unitedchurchsandwich.org for more details or call the Church office to place your order



Faith of Our Mothers
(Tune: *Faith of Our Fathers*, Hymn No 710)

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.