

And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here!

— *St. Augustine*

It is our rebirth that gives our life purpose and direction to begin anew regardless of the circumstances.



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Today Triumphs God's Son*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Leader: This is the day to honor our mothers.

People: Celebrate with us, Loving God.

Leader: This is the day to give thanks for our parents and grandparents

People: Celebrate with us, Caring God.

Leader: This is the day to remember our whole family.

People: Celebrate with us, God of Fellowship.

Leader: This is the day to rejoice in the life of our church.

People: Celebrate with us, Faithful God.

Leader: This is the day to recall the whole human family.

People: Celebrate a sharing world, Universal God.

* OPENING HYMN #56 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #229) 5th Century Latin Hymn

**Come, risen Christ, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide,
That we may give you all our days
The tribute of our grateful praise.**

INVOCATION *seated in unison*

**Gracious God, we your children praise you
for all the gifts of your grace.**



Ruth C. Duck



We thank you for those who are our partners in the adventure of living; we thank you for Jesus Christ, who in serving love gave all human partnerships new meaning. And since, without your help we can do nothing as we ought, we pray you to enrich us with your grace, that we may be faithful and loving in all our relationships; through the Spirit of Jesus the Christ. Amen.



We Listen for God's Word

ANTHEM

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord



Mendelssohn

CHILDREN'S TIME

Thanks Mom! (and All Faithful Women)



HYMN (see insert) *God, We Praise You for the Women*



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



* HYMN (see insert) *O God, Whose Steadfast Love*

At this time children through high school adjourn to classes



HEBREW SCRIPTURE Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36

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SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-8

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John 19:25-27

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HOMILY "Resurrection Reality: Rebirth Edition"

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered rhythm*)

Thomas Ken (1674)

**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.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

* CLOSING HYMN #234 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #441 *sung together while holding hands*

**Peace be upon you and guard you forever.
Go in the knowledge that God is with you.**

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by the Membership Committee and Church Council*

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Eastertide Worship Planning Team: Elliott Hancarik and Rev. Jim

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Where Neighbors Meet



EASTERTIDE

All are Welcome!

May 8, 2011

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We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. George Bozeman read from the Hebrew scriptures. The Ladies Trio offered the Anthem. Mark & Amanda Hall and Don & Laurie Hill served as ushers.

God, We Praise You for the Women

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for Mid Dornan

1-6 God, we praise you for the wo - men who have
2 Sa - rah laughed to hear the prom - ise— God would
3 Pha - roah's daugh - ter, like a mo - ther, lift - ed
4 Ma - ry watched the cru - ci - fix - ion, as her
5 As her life drew on toward eve - ning, af - ter

taught us to be strong, who have held us, who have
bless her with a son; Sar - ah laughed and Sar - ah
Mo - ses from a pool, brought him safe - ly to the
son died on the cross; she who knew the joy of
she had raised her own, Lo - is gave her ba - by

raised us with a prayer and with a song,
doubt - ed till she saw what God had done,
pa - lace where a slave would go to school,
child - birth, now was torn by bit - ter loss,
grand - son love that stoops to move a stone.

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THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

Donations of flowers are always welcome for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the flower sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (**May**), Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (June), and Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (July).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Betty Jacobs – in Pleasant View recovering from a fall

Helen (friend of Doris Rowden) – recovering from a stroke; prayers for healing and for her spirit as well

Prayers for Steve & Erica Peaslee and family – their son Jacob has been diagnosed with Autism

Mary Louise Grandmason's brother-in-law Bob - fighting his 3rd bout with cancer and on chemo.

Abby Duffy – diagnosed with LHON (6 years old)

Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old granddaughter were severely injured in a bomb blast in South Africa on July 11th while on a mission trip. Please keep them and the other six who were also injured in your prayers.

Military personnel overseas & their families

Athena Petrin's address: TF 3643 D, Camp Command Cell LSA, APO AE 09815

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is today. Your donations which can be left in the parish Hall will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Suncook.

SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR MAY ...

15 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith

22 Dave & Nancy Bibbins and Eric & Judy Pearson

29 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant, Rick Hocksprung, and Randy Shuey

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

THE WISH LIST ...

Suggested items are (but not limited to):

Country Time Lemonade trash baskets

13 gallon trash liners

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sunday, May 8 9am Choir Rehearsal
 10am Worship
 10:20am Sunday School & High School
- Monday, May 9 12noon-8pm PWC sponsored **Blood Drive** - PH
- Tuesday, May 10 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
- Wed., May 11 6pm BSA – PH
- Thursday, May 12 6pm Girl Scouts – DN
 6pm Cub Scouts - PH
 6pm “AA” Group – MR
 6pm World Service Committee
- Saturday, May 14 9am-1pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
Letter Carrier’s **Food Drive**
- Sunday, May 15 No Choir Rehearsal
 10am Worship
 10:20am Sunday School
 11:30am *All Committee* Meeting
- Monday, May 16 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
 6:30pm Christian Education Comm.
- Tuesday, May 17 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
 7pm Trustees
- Wed., May 18 6pm Girl Scouts – DN
 7pm BSA – PH
- Thurs., May 19 6pm Cub Scouts – PH
 6pm “AA” Group - MR