

***Hymn** God of the Women / *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*
(tune *SLANE*, #502 Be Thou My Vision)

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

***Charge & Benediction**

***Parting Music**

*Please join us for refreshments & fellowship after this service in the narthex.
At 11:00 you may bring your coffee into the Questors Adult Bible Study in the
Conference Room or the contemporary service with our Grace Notes worship
band. Make the most of your Sunday mornings at Wayside!*



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



Mother's Day

**May 13, 2018
9:30 a.m.**

*Nursery Care / Walker / Wheelchair / Large Print Bibles & Bulletins / Hearing
Assist System Available*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

We welcome our first time and returning guests to today's service, especially if you are a mothering one to someone over whom you have loving influence! We invite you to become a member of the Wayside family if you are currently without a church home. Let us know of your interest as we pass the Fellowship Pads. Shalom!

***Please stand in body, mind or spirit as able**

Chimes Prelude I Want to Walk as a Child of Light
Louise Duncan, director

Welcome/Our Life & Witness/Passing the Peace of Christ *Pastor Steve*

A Prayerful Call to Worship *Brian Kocsi, Liturgist*
~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on **Leading in Worship**
(<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>)

Father of us all, Mother of each one,
thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.
You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs,
you knit us together lovingly,
your devotion to us has not failed,
your care has followed us our whole life long.
All we are and all we have, we owe to you,
and so on this, the Lord's Day,
in this house devoted to your glory,
we give honour to you
with our hearts and hands and voices.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

***Hymn** You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord / *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*
(tune GREENSLEEVES #184 What Child is This?)

You formed us in your image, Lord; you call us your own children.
In you, each one is loved, adored —unique among the millions.
Bless, Lord, the families who know the joy: Christ claims and frees!
Bless, too, the ones who weep, forgetting that you love them.

You made our homes to honor you with love the strong foundation.
In serving God and neighbor too, we find our life's vocation.
Bless families large and small who love and serve you when you call.
Bless, too, the ones who fear —whose trust and love are shattered.

Christ loved and honored family, yet showed us what is greater.
He taught a higher loyalty to God our good Creator.
Bless, Lord, the ones who long to build up homes where faith is strong.
Bless children, women, men who risk to serve your kingdom.

In home and church our faith is formed; we learn your love and caring.
From here we're called to face the storm, your love and justice bearing.
Each day your Spirit sends! We go to strangers, neighbors, friends.
Peace, justice, joy we bring to all your human family.

Time for Silent Confession *Liturgist*
(*continue in a time of personal confession*)

Assurance of Pardon Reading of Isaiah 66:12-14 *Liturgist*
L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.

***Hymn 374** Glory Be to the Father / *Gloria Patri*

Scripture Reading John 17:6-19 *Liturgist*

Special Music Reckless Love / *Cory Asbury*
Janelle Pabon & Chris Rowles

Kids' Message

Morning Message Empty Crypt & Open Soul: Open Spirit *Pastor Steve*

Giving of Ourselves in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Hymn 34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow / *Doxology*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer