

COMMUNION

AT THIS TABLE, WE REMEMBER THE ONE WHO GAVE EVERYTHING OUT OF LOVE.
LIKE A MOTHER WHO SACRIFICES FOR HER CHILDREN,
CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR US.
SO COME, HUNGRY, HURTING, HOPEFUL
FOR THERE IS ROOM AT THIS TABLE.

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION

GO NOW IN THE STRENGTH OF THOSE WHO CARRIED YOU.
GO WITH THE PRAYERS OF MOTHERS, THE COURAGE OF RAHAB,
THE WISDOM OF GRANDMOTHERS, AND THE LOVE OF GOD.
AND MAY YOU BECOME FOR SOMEONE ELSE
WHAT SOMEONE ONCE WAS FOR YOU:
SAFE SPACE, SOFT PLACE, STRONG COVERING.
GO IN PEACE AND HONOR THE SACRED WORK OF LOVE.
AMEN.



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PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

GROUNDING SONG:

"This Pretty Planet", by Tom Chapin and John Forster

THIS PRETTY PLANET SPINNING THROUGH SPACE
YOU'RE A GARDEN, YOU'RE A HARBOR,
YOU'RE A HOLY PLACE
GOLDEN SUN GOING DOWN,
GENTLE BLUE GIANT, SPIN US AROUND
ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT
SAFE 'TILL THE MORNING LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER:

BELOVED, TODAY WE GATHER TO HONOR THE SACRED WORK OF MOTHERING,
THE LABOR OF LOVE, THE BURDEN OF CARE, THE COURAGE OF PROTECTION.

PEOPLE:

WE COME GIVING THANKS FOR THE MOTHERS, THE GRANDMOTHERS, THE AUNTIES, THE TEACHERS, THE
CARETAKERS, AND THE VILLAGE.

LEADER:

FOR THOSE WHO CARRIED US IN WOMBS, IN ARMS, IN PRAYERS, IN SACRIFICE

PEOPLE:

WE HONOR YOU.

LEADER:

FOR THOSE WHO MOTHERED THROUGH WISDOM, DISCIPLINE, TENDERNESS, AND TRUTH

PEOPLE:

WE HONOR YOU.

LEADER:

FOR THE MOTHERING SPIRITS AMONG US, THOSE MAKING ROOM FOR NEW LIFE AND NEW POSSIBILITIES

PEOPLE:

WE HONOR YOU.

ALL:

GOD OF LIFE, GATHER US IN YOUR LOVE, THAT WE MAY CELEBRATE THE HOLY WORK OF NURTURING LIFE.
AMEN.

SHARED SINGING: "GOD OF THE WOMEN ", (Insert only)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of love, hear the prayers of your people.

People: God in Your Mercy, Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response, "Sanctuary", by Thompson & Scruggs

ANTHEM

"In You We Are One", by Jay Althouse

The Admiral Choir

SCRIPTURE: JOSHUA 2:12-14, NIV

"NOW THEN, PLEASE SWEAR TO ME BY THE LORD THAT YOU WILL SHOW KINDNESS TO MY FAMILY, BECAUSE I HAVE SHOWN KINDNESS TO YOU. GIVE ME A SURE SIGN THAT YOU WILL SPARE THE LIVES OF MY FATHER AND MOTHER, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND ALL WHO BELONG TO THEM—AND THAT YOU WILL SAVE US FROM DEATH." "OUR LIVES FOR YOUR LIVES!" THE MEN ASSURED HER. "IF YOU DON'T TELL WHAT WE ARE DOING, WE WILL TREAT YOU KINDLY AND FAITHFULLY WHEN THE LORD GIVES US THE LAND."

SERMON:

"DEAR MOMMY."

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CONVERSATION

1. IN REMEMBERING THOSE WHO MOTHERED YOU:

WHO HELPED CARRY YOU WHEN LIFE WAS HEAVY,

AND WHAT LESSON FROM THEIR LOVE STILL LIVES IN YOU TODAY?

2. IN HONORING YOUR OWN MOTHERING (OR MOTHERING SPIRIT):

WHAT HAS LOVING, NURTURING, OR CARING FOR OTHERS

TAUGHT YOU ABOUT YOURSELF AND ABOUT GOD?

SHARED SINGING: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry", NCH 351

INVITATION TO SHARE

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