

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* #4

INVOKING THE HOLY - "Co-Regulation" by Elizabeth Mount

From our very first breath, we reach out
Soothing together, not self-regulation, is in our nature.
We find our cues from the sun and the moon,
From each parent and caregiver,
We find our place in this great turning planet,
By turning to one another,
Generation to generation,
We awaken to the dawn, and fall asleep at the evening's end.
Our life's journey is part of something greater,
Something simple,
Something divine.
A flame cannot be lit without a spark,
A life cannot begin without the air,
And we cannot begin to find ourselves without love.
May we reach out to one another,
May we offer love and nurturing care,
May we join together in celebration of the interdependence of
our lives.
In this spirit, let us worship together.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

Madeline Olney

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As parents, we don't always get it right.
As children, we don't always get it right.
As people of faith, and followers of Jesus' message of love,
we don't always get it right.
It's especially hard to get it right
at times like the four o'clock mornings in life,
before coffee,
when we're hungry,
when the baby has been screaming for hours,
when we don't know how to make it right.
I love you so much.
I'm sorry for the times
my patience or energy or understanding
wasn't as big as my love.

Silent personal confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning,
it is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen, amen.*

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 15:21-28* "The Canaanite
Woman's Faith"

SERMON *The Power of a Mother*

Air Rhodes

HYMN OF REFLECTION - *This Is My Song (aka Finlandia)* #591

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE MORNING OFFERING

*Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF SENDING *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* #583

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated) Pianist Joseph Cough, Jr

**Please stand if you are able*

We remember in our prayers: The family of Tom Boudin, Bob Milligan, Grace and Susan Greene, Don Gage, George Greene, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, Joe Dee, Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

"God is still speaking"



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