Prelude  Dreaming  Yuyoung Jeong
SCENES FROM CHILDHOOD, OR. 15 by R. Schumann

Gathering Song  As We Gather  by Coomes & Fay
As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We’ll be blessed because we came
(Repeat)

Welcome  iucc.org/visitor  Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit  O Grant Us Light  Chancel Choir
by L. Tutielli & H. W. Baker

Call to Worship  Olivia Sirchio
One:  On this Day we celebrate women and motherhood,
we welcome you.
Many:  Into the sanctuary of God’s mothering arms we gather.
One:  To those who gave birth this year to their first child,
Many:  We celebrate with you.
One:  To those who lost a child,
Many:  We mourn with you,
One:  To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day
and wear the badge of food stains,
Many:  We appreciate you.
One:  To those who experienced loss this year through miscarriage,
failed adoptions, or running away,
Many:  We mourn with you.
One:  To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes,
prods, tears, and disappointment,
Many:  We walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things.
We don’t mean to make this harder than it is.
One:  To those who are not mothers and feel like outsiders
unappreciated on a day like today.
Many:  We do not separate you. Being a woman is not contingent
on making babies.
One:  To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms,
Many:  We need you.
One:  To those who have warm and close relationships with your children,
Many:  We celebrate with you.
One:  To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance
with your children,
Many:  We sit with you.
One:  To those who lost their mothers this year,
Many:  We grieve with you.
One:  To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother,
Many:  We acknowledge your experience, and are pained by it.
We offer you comfort.
One:  To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the
overall testing of motherhood,
Many:  We are better for having you in our midst.
One:  To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year,
Many:  We grieve and rejoice with you.
One:  To those who are pregnant with new life, both expected
and surprising,
Many:  We anticipate with you.
One:  To those who fear, or rage, or cry out, as your rights are
threatened to be taken from you,
Many:  We stand with you.
All:  This Mother’s Day, we walk with you. To be a woman is not
for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.
We remember you and we honor you and are filled with gratitude to and for you!
(adapted from Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson)

Hymn
The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young
Hymnal #468
The care the eagle gives her young, safe in her lofty nest,
Is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.
As when the time to venture comes, she stirs them out to flight,
So we are pressed to boldly try, to strive for daring height.
And if we flutter helplessly, as fledgling eagles fall,
Beneath us lift God’s mighty wings to bear us, one and all.

A Fresh Word
Anthem
A Mother’s Hands
by Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church
Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer...
Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable),
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture
Isaiah 41:10, 13
Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you; I will help you;
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
For I, the Lord you God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, “Do not fear,
I will help you.”

Sermon
Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Response
Alleluia
by Jerry Sinclair
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
(Repeat)

Postlude
Midsummer
NEW ENGLAND IDYLLS, Op. 62, II by E. MacDowell

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Scripture

Offertory

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Prayer of Dedication

Solo
Take Care of Her
by Jaime Javier Reza

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