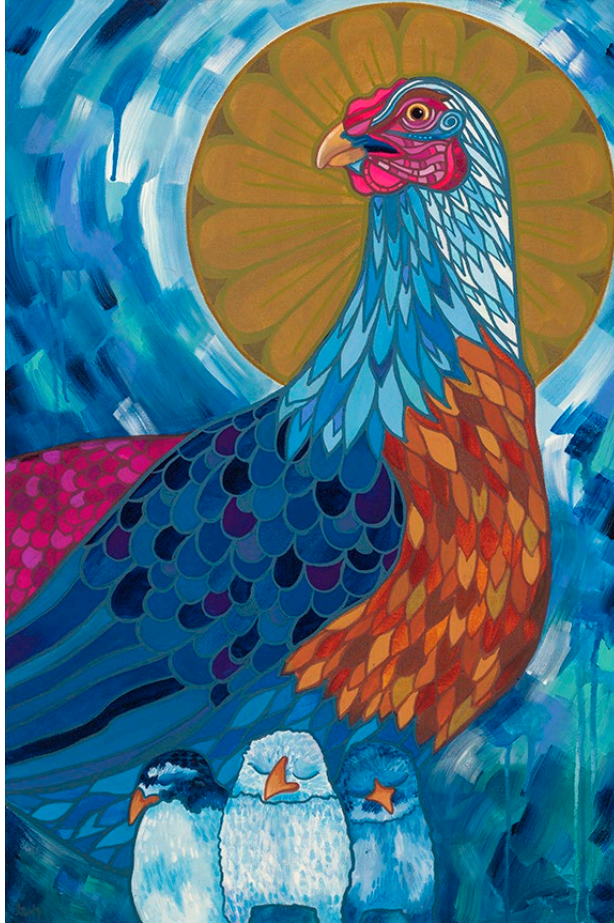


Mendocino Presbyterian Church

Our Vision Statement

We are God's Love by:

- Feeding those in need • Singing with the joyful
- Comforting the sick and the suffering
- Listening to those who want a voice • Walking in companionship with Jesus



Sunday May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday in Easter
Mother's Day

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Mother of Christ* Matt Leach

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME Rev. Martha Madrid-Lopez

INTROIT *Give Me The Love* BUTLER MPC Choir

CENTERING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

*OPENING HYMN 451 *Be Still, My Soul* Jack Leung

GATHERING PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 734 *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please stand if you are able.

THE WORD

CHURCH IN MISSION	Haiti	Kersti Stoen
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND WELCOME GUESTS		Sally Swan
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Proverbs 8:1-13	
ANTHEM	<i>Embraced Within Your Loving Arms</i>	MPC Choir
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Proverbs 8:22-35	Elizabeth Vrenios
*HYMN 589	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	
THIRD SCRIPTURE READING	Philippians 4:1-9	
MEDITATION	"Legacy"	Shirley Derrick
OFFERING		
Invitation to Give of Time and Talent		
Offering & Dedication of Gifts		
Offertory		
Doxology		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Wendell Rickon

THE SENDING

*HYMN 446	<i>Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Still Embraced Within Your Loving Arms</i>	MPC Choir
POSTLUDE & SERVICE IN THE WORLD		Jack Leung

*Please stand if you are able.

NEWS AND NOTES AND WELCOME TO MPC

Today we thank God for the gift of mothers and mothering across the world

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap His arms around us like a mother-hen gathering her chicks under her wings. Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for the love they have shown and the care they have given.



Join us for Soup Sunday after worship at 12:00 p.m.

Following worship on the second Sunday of each Month, we look forward to filing into Preston Hall of Mendocino Presbyterian Church to be greeted by the aroma of Debbie Turnbull's hearty and delicious homemade soup and seeing the friendly faces of our MPC family and friends. Come and enjoy this special meal; there will be plenty of soup, bread and friendship to share! Feed your soul, fill your belly and expand your spirit. Thank you Fred Lemin for making the Soup with Debbie; we are so glad you are feeling better! Thank you also Matt Leach for setting up the hall and making it look so nice.

Next Sunday is Pentecost! Our Mother-tongue Is Love: A Sonnet for Pentecost

by **Malcolm Guite**

Today we feel the wind beneath our wing. Today the hidden fountain flows and plays. Today the church draws breath at last and sings. As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise. This is the feast of fire, air, and water poured out and breathed and kindled into earth. The earth herself awakens to her maker and is translated out of death to birth. The right words come today in their right order and every word spells freedom and release today the gospel crosses every border all tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace today the lost are found in His translation. Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.



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