

\* HYMN 343

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

German

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*

## Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
 2 Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still, with o - ver - flow - ing grace,  
 3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
 4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres - ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.  
 Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
 Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
 Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.



*Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
William Croft, 1708

## Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2018 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.  
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.  
Sermons available at <https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

*Mothering God*  
Credit: *Verbena Lime*



CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  
Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Ivey

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
This is God's testimony to us;  
God gives us new life in Jesus Christ.  
**We come to seek life and to have it more abundantly.**  
**We come to grow in understanding and in faith.**  
**In Christ the fullness of life is offered to all.**  
**Let us offer our thanks and praise.**

\* HYMN 482

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

Because God is like a mother to us, supporting us and enabling us to grow up in faith, we can come before God confessing our sin.

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**God, we like to think we know who you are and what you want for humankind and the world. Yet we must confess that we limit you by our words; we box you in by our images; we filter out understandings of who you are that make us uncomfortable. Forgive our smallness of vision. Open our eyes to see new dimensions of who you are, God, and what you want us to be and do.** *Silent prayers*

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (Responsive)

Can a woman forget her suckling child, and have no compassion on the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says our God. With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you, says our God who redeems us. Friends believe the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children are invited forward*

HYMN OF RESPONSE 302 (refrain)

*I Danced in the Morning*

**Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said He, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26–31

MEDITATION

*God, our Mother*

Isaiah 49:15; Hosea 11:3–4;  
Matthew 23:17–39; Deuteronomy 32:11

\* HYMN

*Creator God, Creating Still*

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MISSION UPDATE

Ellen Hamilton

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jamaican Melody

arr. Behnke

\* HYMN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Use us your people, seeking to know you more fully; use these our gifts that your name may be known even among those uncomfortable with the way we normally describe you, O God. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**