

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth 7



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
 me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

As the tune name hints, this text is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God's love.

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 (alternate tune: MARYTON)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ushers: George Dluhy and Susan Deems-Dluhy

Liturgist: Elizabeth Musick

Andrew Ministers: Patti Perry-Halline and David Harper

Flowers today are given in honor of my sister, Sally Kaiser, from her trouble-making, older brother, Fred Kitch.

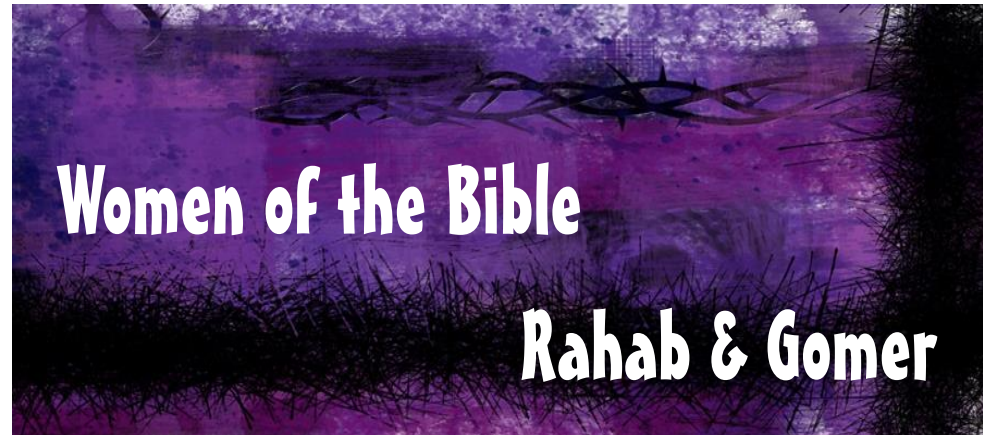
Coffee fellowship is hosted by Susan Lynch.

Trustees of the Month: Thom DeVries and Brad Staubus

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2018 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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>



CHIMING THE HOUR WELCOME

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 *Meditation from Suite Médiévale*

Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world,
 and building your kingdom in our midst:

we are here because we trust you.

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity,
 creates us to be one people:

we are here to praise you.

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:
we celebrate your grace.

* HYMN 76 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope.

Silence is kept.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Children are invited forward*

**In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with
heaven's harmony; in my heart there rings a melody;
there rings a melody of love.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE Selected verses from Joshua 2
Selected verses from Hosea 1

MEDITATION *The Story of Two Prostitutes ~ Rahab & Gomer*

* HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Manz

* HYMN 428 vs 1 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord, from Thee.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

* HYMN 407 *When a Poor One*

* BENEDICTION
CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude & Fugue in e m* BWV 555 J.S. Bach

* *You are invited to stand if able.*