

**RAMSEY MEMORIAL UMC**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 2020**  
**United by the Spirit through Technology**

**Prelude**

**Opening prayer**

**Welcome & announcements**

**Hymn**

**“Love Lifted Me”**

I was sinking deep in sin,  
far from the peaceful shore,  
very deeply stained within,  
sinking to rise no more;  
but the Master of the sea  
heard my despairing cry,  
from the waters lifted me;  
now safe am I.

Love lifted me!  
Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me!  
Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above,  
Jesus completely saves;  
he will lift you by his love  
out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
billows his will obey;  
he your Savior wants to be –  
be saved today.

**Special Music**

Scott Stallings

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 49: 13-18**

13 Sing for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth! Burst into song, O mountains!  
For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on them in their suffering.  
14 Yet Jerusalem says, “The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.”  
15 “Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?  
Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?  
But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!  
16 See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.  
Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins.  
17 Soon your descendants will come back, and all who are trying to destroy you will go away.  
18 Look around you and see, for all your children will come back to you.  
As surely as I live,” says the Lord,  
“they will be like jewels or bridal ornaments for you to display.

**Sermon**

“Changed & Unchanged: Enduring Love Like Mom's”

Rev. Claudia Stallings

**Hymn****“Mothering God You Gave Me Birth”**

Mothering God, you gave me birth  
 in the bright morning of this world.  
 Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
 you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
 offering me your food of light,  
 grain of new life, and grape of love,  
 your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
 in arms of patience hold me close,  
 so that in faith I root and grow  
 until I flow'r, until I know.

**Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which 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, and the power, and the glory, forever AMEN

**Consecrating our tithes and offerings****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise Him all creatures here below.  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Hymn****“My King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
 Whose goodness faileth never;  
 I nothing lack if I am his  
 And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
 My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
 And where the verdant  
 pastures grow  
 With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 But yet in love he sought me,  
 And on his shoulder gently laid,  
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
 Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
 And O what transport of delight  
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd,  
 may I sing thy praise  
 Within thy house for ever.

**Benediction**