

McPHAIL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
Mother's Day, May 12, 2024

"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy.  
No man does. That's his."

— *Oscar Wilde*

THE PRELUDE AS WE GATHER

"Canon in D"

"Organ Trio on For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Paul Fey  
Daniel Berghout

THE CHORAL INTROIT (congregation standing)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (congregation standing)

LEADER: God, the true Mother, as well as the Father, of all  
women and men,

PEOPLE: **We thank you this day for all good mothers;**

LEADER: For their care and patience and love in childhood's  
earliest days.

PEOPLE: **We bring you our praise this day, through Jesus Christ**  
our Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" #377  
Tune: KREMSER

PRAYER (together, seated)

God of grace and love,

We thank you for all that you have given us  
Through the loving care and hard work of our mothers

We pray your richest blessing upon all mothers:

For those with loved ones far away  
For those who find it hard to make ends meet  
For those with difficult homes  
For those who go short themselves for the sake of their families

For each one according to her need, hear our prayer. Amen.

Sung Softly Together

Tune: FINLANDIA

O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!  
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;  
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever  
If Thou art always Lord and Master there;  
Be Thou, the center of our least endeavor—  
Be Thou our Guest, our hearts and homes to share.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 139:13-14,17-18

It was you who formed my inward parts;

**You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

**How vast is the sum of them!**

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

**I come to the end — I am still with you.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

"From whose womb comes the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the  
heavens" Job 38:29 (NIV)

"You forgot the God who gave birth to you" Deuteronomy 32:18 (CEB)

"How often I have wanted to gather your people together, as a mother hen  
gathers her little ones under her wings. But you would not come!"  
Matthew 23:37 (WE)

THE CHOIR "With Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord" Mary Kay Beall

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Music "Petite Fleur" Denis Bédard

Sung response All things are yours, we make that true,  
When we return our gifts to You;  
And so we give, and so we share,  
In Christ's strong name expressing care.

Offering Prayer

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Morning Has Broken" Sue Sparks, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #60

SERMON "Wanted: A Mother"

OUR PARTING HYMN "O God In Heaven" Tune: MELITA

O God in heaven, whose loving plan ordained for us our parents' care,  
And gave us when our life began the shelter of a home to share:  
Our Father, on the homes we love send down Thy blessing from above.

May young and old together find in Christ the Lord of every day,  
That fellowship our homes may bind in joy and sorrow, work and play.  
Our Father, on the homes we love send down Thy blessing from above.

O Father, in our homes preside, their duties shared as in Thy sight;  
In kindly ways be Thou our guide; on mirth and trouble shed Thy light.  
Our Father, bless the homes we love and make them like Thy home above.

THE GOING FORTH (together)

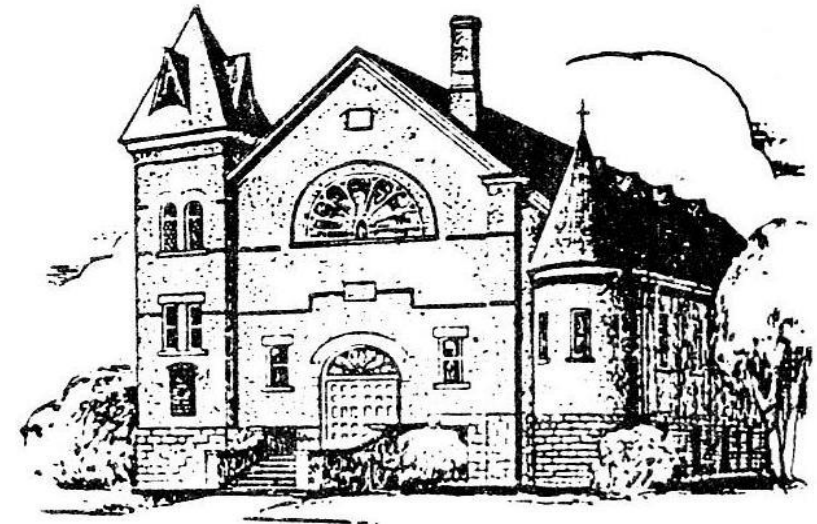
For the joy of human love, brother sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above.  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Mark Hayes

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP IS ENDED: OUR SERVICE IN THE WORLD BEGINS

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*Since 1888, a church  
Creating Hope, Changing Lives.  
Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.*

***Everyone is Welcome!***

Minister: Rev. Steve Zink  
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Ernie Cox  
Director of Music: Sue Sparks

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