

# PORT WILLIAMS United Baptist Church

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*Celebrating*



*years of  
Christian Ministry  
1868-2018*

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*Remember Rejoice Rededicate*

*Sunday, May 13, 2018*

**Welcome** to **Port Williams United Baptist Church** today.

We pray you will find our fellowship warm and our worship meaningful.  
Visitors are encouraged to sign our guest book (at the back of the sanctuary)  
or to fill out a Visitor Card (in the pew) before leaving. Thank you.

\* indicates that the congregation is invited to stand

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

*In this moment of life, may we be sustained  
in the silence of our own thoughts and prayers...  
Let us quiet the throbbings of the past week.*

*May we become the people we are meant to be  
May we in our gathering and this sacred space be blessed.  
May we open ourselves ever more fully  
to that mystery which lures us onward  
toward life and creativity.*

\* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

KIDS Music Sunday

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

**Invocation**

\* **Hymn of Praise** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **333**

\* **Litany:**

Why do we stand looking up to heaven?  
The signs of God are all around us.

**We are here to remember and rejoice.  
We pray God will enlighten our eyes.**

Why do we live as if nothing has happened?  
Jesus Christ has been seen alive among us.

**We have come to challenge our unbelief.  
We have gathered to share in the story.**

When will we witness to all Jesus taught and did?  
We have been commissioned to share the joy.

**We want to sing and pray and clap our hands.  
We profess Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives.**

**Ministry of Music**

KIDS Music Sunday

**Scripture** I John 5:9-13

\* **Children's Hymn** "Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" v 1-2 **574**

**Children's Moment**

\* **Children's Hymn** "Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" v 3-4 **574**

## **WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD**

**Stewardship Moment**

Scott Schofield

**The Offering**

\* **Offertory Response** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" v.2 **220**

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen, how all you needed has been  
Met by God's gracious ordaining. AMEN.

\* **Hymn of Preparation** "O For a Thousand Tongues" **326**

**Scripture** John 17:6-19

**Prayers of the People of God**

**Response** "Lord Listen to your children praying" **400**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

**Sermon**

*Easter Fools Our Families*

Don Flowers

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

### \* **Hymn of Response**    **God of the Women**

God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —  
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.

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### \* **Benediction**

### \* **Choral Benediction**    *The Strife is O'er*

VS 1    **159**

*The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun,  
Hallelujah!*

### **Postlude and Quiet Reflection**