



*How often have I desired to gather your children
together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
and you were not willing!*

Luke 13:34b

Worship
Port Williams United Baptist
Church
May 12, 2019

The Worship of God

Mothering Day

Dear Father, Creator and caregiver, counsellor and teacher, we thank you for nurturing and protecting us like a mother. On this Sunday, we especially thank you for mothers, and for all people, women and men, who nurture and care for others. We thank you for those who have mothered us, in the best sense of the word. Those who have seen the best in us, seen us with their heart. Those who have been challenged by our choices or have hurt us by their choices. Hold them closely in your love. Show us all how to see not only with our eyes, but with our hearts and be thankful for their influence on our walk to Christian maturity. Amen. (As you listen to the prelude you may want to thank God for those women and men, who, have cared for and nurtured you.)

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Announcements

Prelude

All music provided by PWUBC kids

Invocation

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn of Praise** “Blessed Assurance” **337**

* **Responsive Reading:** Keira Melanson

Leader: Caring and nurturing people come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all.

All: Thank you God for those who helped us find our way to you, O Lord

Leader: Everyone here is either a mother or a father, sister or brother, aunt or uncle, teacher or helper, neighbour or friend.

All: Thank you God for those who helped us grow in our faith.

Leader: For those who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on Earth.

All: Thank you God for them being part of the cloud of witnesses watching over us.

Leader: For every person who is working day and night to raise and nurture children right now.

All: Thank you God for those who, with your help take their responsibility to mould hearts, mind and souls of children seriously.

Leader: For all that have influenced us to be the best person, in Christ, that we can be.

All: We thank you, Lord, for those who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honour them in everything we do. Amen.

Scripture **Deut. 32:10-12** Sybil Power

Ministry of Music

* **Children's Hymn** "This is the day" **174**

Children's Moment

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* **Hymn of Preparation** "Mothering God" **320**

Scripture **Luke 13:31-35, Luke 18:15-17** Sybil Power

Prayers of the People of God

Response "Be still and know" **MV 77**

Be still and know that I am God (repeat)

Sermon **Mothering Instincts Come From God** *Liz Johnson*

* **Hymn of Response** "Simple Gifts" **353**

The Offering

* **Offertory** "All that we have"

All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today
to bring good news of hope and joy, to cherish on the way.
To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and set the captives free,
To build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.
AMEN.

Closing Prayer:

Together: God, your love surrounds us like a mother's love. We rejoice that we are your own beloved children, nourished by you, guided to see not only with our eyes, but with our hearts. O Lord, empower us to share the light of your justice with all your children. Make us eager to share your love with all we meet! Amen

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** "My Saviour leads me" **635**

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

Postlude and Quiet Reflection

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welcomes and affirm all persons, regardless of race, class, origin, sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We welcome as Members those who profess "Jesus is Lord."

We receive members through baptism or by transfer of letter from another congregation.

You are welcomed here and invited to be a part of our community  
If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary or fill out a Visitor Card found in the pews.

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