

# Mother's Day



*A woman that feareth  
the LORD, she shall  
be praised.*

*Proverbs 31:30*

Sunday Worship  
West Barre United Methodist Church  
Mother's Day  
May 14, 2023

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn     “For the Beauty of the Earth” vrs. 1, 4, 6   UMH #92**

**Bringing in the Light** (acolytes)

**\*Call To Worship – (based on themes from Psalm 139)**

Leader: We've come to worship God, Who loved us before we were yet born,

**People: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

Leader: Whose presence never leaves us, and Whose love for us never ceases.

**People: This is our God. Let's worship together!**

**\*Unison Prayer**

Loving God, we know Your love because we have mothers.

We thank You for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world.

We thank You for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same.

With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid;

we thank You for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly;

**we thank You for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears;  
we thank You that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs;  
we thank You for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths.  
Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain.  
We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in His Name we pray. Amen.**

**Faith Declaration:**

**This is my Bible. Every word in it is true. The truth shall set me free, and the truth will keep me free. I choose to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, and to faithfully respond to the call of Jesus Christ.**

**Scripture Lesson: Exodus 2:1-10**

**Word of God for the people of God**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Children Dismissed to Their Classes**

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng, Water, God's Word, bread and cup prayer and song: this is where children belong**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH #895**

**\* Hymn**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

**UMH #102**

**Choir Anthem**

**\*The Apostles Creed**

**UMH #881**

**Morning Meditation**

**"A Mother's Love"**

\*Hymn                    “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

**Sharing God’s Light with the World (acolytes)**

**Benediction:**

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time, now and forever. Amen

**\*Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

\*Note for visitors: **Bold text is spoken in unison**, \*congregation standing as able. Please sign our visitor log before you leave, we’d love to be in touch with you!

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We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

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Pastor Jim is normally in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless he is visiting, has a meeting, or has other appointments. He is available on his cell phone if he is not here in the office. (716) 523-7542.

***Go! And make disciples for the transformation of the world.***

## Assisting in Worship

|                   | Today 5/14          | Next Sunday 5/21 |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Preaching:        | Rev. Jim Heiler     | Rev. Jim Heiler  |
| Greeters/ Ushers: | Dean & Karen Dibley |                  |
| Liturgist:        | Jim Peglow          | Jim Peglow       |
| Organist:         | Naomi Caldwell      | Naomi Caldwell   |
| Choir Director:   | Hugh Dudley         | Hugh Dudley      |
| Altar Flowers:    | Dean & Karen Dibley |                  |

## Announcements:

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday (15 <sup>th</sup> ):    | 7 pm Women's Bible study resumes |
| Tuesday (16 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 6:30 pm Education                |
| Wednesday (17 <sup>th</sup> ): | 6:30 pm Congregation meeting     |

## Looking ahead:

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday (21 <sup>st</sup> ): | 9 am Choir               |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup> :      | 7 pm Women's Bible study |

**Monthly Mission:** GOMOC – Genesee-Orleans Ministry  
Of Concern



We will be accepting new members into our church on June 4th. A copy of the membership covenant is available on the stand where the sermon notes are located. Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to become a member

### **Financial Statement:**

|                 |           |             |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| May 7, 2023     |           | \$ 1,538.00 |
| Giving to Date: |           | \$27,433.00 |
| Included:       |           |             |
| Wesley's Place  | \$ 100.00 | \$ 883.00   |
| GOMOC           | \$ 50.00  | \$ 100.00   |

### **Anniversary's this week:**

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Donations for the Church Auction and the West Barre Store are welcomed. Please contact Dick Miller (716-474-2330) or a Trustee member for storage of good, sale-worthy items

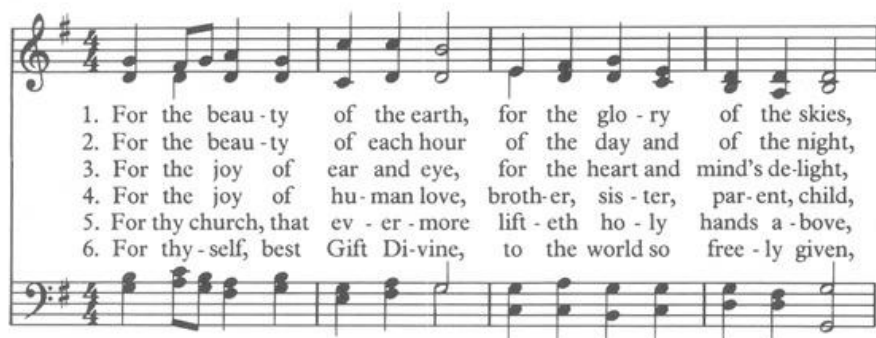
“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’” – Proverbs 31:28-31



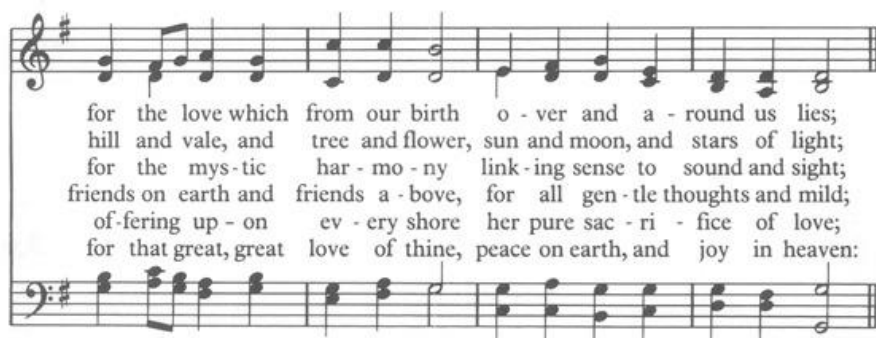
I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. – 3 John 1:4

## For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,  
 6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;  
 friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;  
 of-fering up-on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.  
 \* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

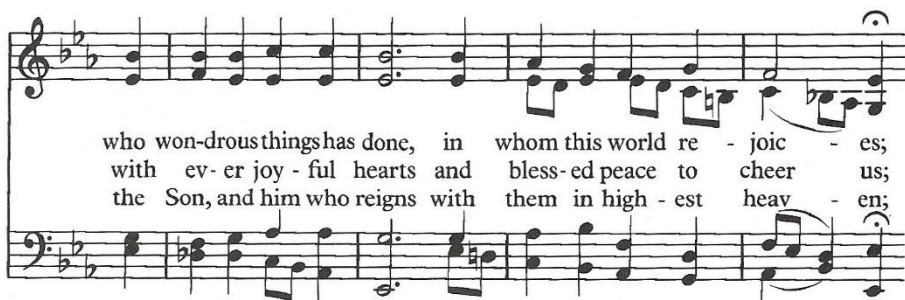
\*For Holy Communion



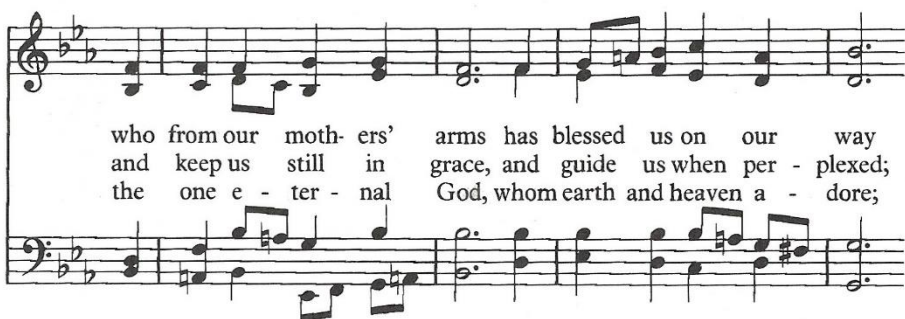
## Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice,  
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;



who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



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I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

*Leader and people:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

### THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*All exchange signs and words of God's peace*

### OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

#### TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Spirit in your hold church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

HYMN OR SONG

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

GOING FORTH

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

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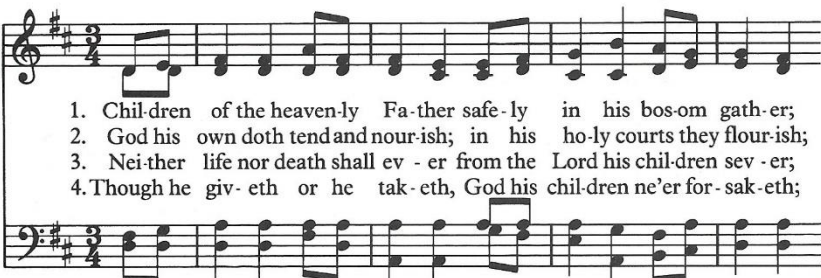


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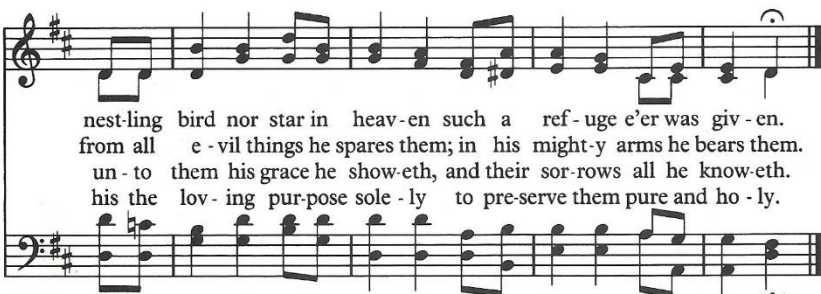


hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

## Children of the Heavenly Father 141



1. Chil-dren of the heav-en-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;  
 2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish; in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish;  
 3. Nei-ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4. Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth;



nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.  
 from all e - vil things he spares them; in his might-y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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