

Mother's Day 2024



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AMHERST

WORSHIP: Mother's Day

May 12, 2024 – 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship and fellowship. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book.

**Stand, as you are able.* Masks are optional in our building.

PRELUDE

Kevin Dupuis

*WELCOME

Byron Corkum

*INTROIT

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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*CALL to Worship

leader & people

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

We will shout to God with songs of joy.

For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

We will sing praises to God every day.

Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

We will offer God our love — heart, body, mind and soul!

* HYMN

“Love is the Touch” (Tune Slane)

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PRAYER of INVOCATION

in unison

God of promise and purpose, we praise with thankful hearts.

**As the beauty of the seasons change, the beauty of your world lifts
our hearts in praise. You lifted up Jesus to be by your side, and so
we know He is always by our side as the future opens before us.**

**Show us the promise and purpose in our own lives — how we can
unfurl with new life, and move into the future empowered by the
Holy Spirit embraced by the love of Christ our Lord.**

Our Father...

PSALM

Psalm 1

The Rev. Marlene Quinn

HYMN

“Each Blade of Grass” vs.1-2

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CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Marlene Quinn

HYMN

“Each Blade of Grass” vs. 3

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(Activities for children are not available upstairs today.)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

in unison

Lord Jesus Christ, you called your followers to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet, we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith. We try to act out your love, but it's hard to tell others why we do what we do for you. Forgive us. Give us the courage to speak openly of our commitment to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

CLERGY: Friends, remember the promise the Apostle Paul declares: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9-13 Derek Livingstone

*HYMN "Like a River of Tears" pp. 8-9

GOSPEL LESSON John 17:6-19 Sharon White

CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON "We are FAMILY!" Rev. Byron Corkum

MOMENT of SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore, Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CLERGY: Even as season Easter draws closer to its end this week, we continue to receive the blessings God pours out for us in Christ and in creation. Our gifts to God speak of our gratitude for these blessings and our commitment to share them with the whole world.

PRAYER of DEDICATION

CLERGY: Eternal and ever-present God, bless the gifts we offer today with the power of your Holy Spirit. Use them and us to witness to the love of Jesus Christ and bring healing and hope to the world in His name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

L: Lord Jesus Christ, You came to us bearing God's love to live with us, to walk with us, and to show us how to live.

P: You pray with us and for us day by day.

L: Today we turn to you with our hopes and our concerns.

**P: Draw near to us and to those for whom we pray,
so that your love will be known in our world this day.**

L: Lord Jesus, on this Mother's Day Sunday, we pray for the families we belong to –

**P: Thank you for parents, grandparents and great-parents,
for the generations who started our families and all they have given to us.**

L: Today we thank you especially for our mothers, and pray for all the mothers around the world.

P: Give mothers hope for their children, and peace in the world to raise their children safely.

L: Comfort and support each member of our families, and guide each child and young person into the future. Lord, Jesus, we pray for families in our community and in your world.

P: We remember families in need: Families who are struggling under economic pressures...Families who live in fear because they are in the midst of some kind of trouble...

L: Surround these families with your love and bring them courage to face whatever tomorrow brings. Lord Jesus, we pray for each other and for our church family.

P: Thank you for the friendship and fellowship we share, and the unique gifts each one brings to our life together.

L: Show us our paths into the future, and give us important things to do in your name.

*HYMN

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

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COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

**Go in strength, with the assurance that Christ walks with you,
to witness to his love in truth and action.**

**And may God's resurrecting love upon the future for you,
empowered by the Spirit, and embraced by the presence of Jesus Christ,
our Risen and Ascended Lord. Amen.**

*CHORAL Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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POSTLUDE

Kevin Dupuis

[You may remain seated to hear the postlude music.]

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Love Is the Touch

Unison
 ♩ = 144 Dm C/D G/D Gm/D

1 Love is the touch of in - tan - gi - ble joy;
 2 Love is the lilt in a lin - ger - ing voice;
 3 Love is the light in the tun - nel of pain;
 4 Love is the Ma - ker and Spir - it and Son;

love is the force that no fear can des - troy;
 love is the hope that can make us re - joice;
 love is the will to be whole once a - gain;
 love is the king - dom their will has be - gun;

love is the good - ness we glad - ly ap - plaud:
 love is the cure for the fright - ened and flawed:
 love is the trust of a friend on the road:
 love is the path which the saints all have trod:

God is where love is, for love is of God.
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Dm Cm7 B^bmaj7 Asus⁴ A
 B^bmaj7 Am7 Gm7 D/F#
 Gm7 Am7 B^bmaj7 (Am) G

A hymn about love, quoting 1 John 4:7, for weddings or general use.

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AMOR DEI

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Alternate tunes: OLDHAM or SLANE

Each Blade of Grass

(Circle of God)

37

Unison

♩ = 84

B^b

F/B^b

B^b

E^b

1 Each blade of grass, ev'-ry wing that soars, the waves that
 2 Each si - lent paw, ev'-ry round-ed stone, the buzz that
 3 Each i - cy peak, ev'-ry pat-terned shell, the joy - ous

B^b

F

Gm

Dm⁷

Gm

sweep a-cross a dis - tant shore, make full the cir-cle of God.
 ech-oes from a hon-ey'd comb, make full the cir-cle of God.
 chor-us that the dawn fore - tells, make full the cir-cle of God.

B^b

E^b

Each laugh - ing child, ev'-ry gen - tle eye, a for - est
 Each fire-brimmed star, ev'-ry out-stretched hand, the wind that
 Each cos - mic hue, ev'-ry crea - ture's way, all form the

B^b

F

Gm

Dm⁷

Gm

lit be-neath a moon-bright sky, make full the cir-cle of God.
 leaps and sails a-cross the land, make full the cir-cle of God.
 beau-ty of this vast ar - ray, mak-ing full the cir-cle of God.

(Words: Keri K. Wehlander, 2005)

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Leader
D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader
G D/F# G A D All G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

Like a River of Tears

(Renewing Our Spirits)

♩ = 112 E^b A^b Cm Fm⁷ B^b

1 Like a riv - er of tears your love pours up - on
 2 Like a bird in free flight by win - dows a - round
 3 Like a pil - lar of cloud you prom - ise to guide
 4 Like a lov - er's ca - ress your spir - it re - vives

E^b A^b Cm Fm

us; like a sun-shine of bless - ing your grace will sus -
 us; like a wind in the for - est that breathes life a -
 us; like a bright fi - ery bush you come to speak
 us; like a song of the soul you come to be

B^b E^b/B^b Fm/B^b E^b7 A^b

tain us; like a star - stud - ded sky
 mong us; like a phoe - nix that's ris -
 to us; like a calm cool - ing breeze
 with us; like a prayer of the heart

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B^b Gm⁷ Cm⁷ E^b₇

your spir - it shines o'er us, re - new - ing our
 ing from ash - es a - round us, re - new - ing our
 your spir - it breathes in us, re - new - ing our
 you heal and re - store us, re - new - ing our

A^b A^bm/D^b Cm⁷ Fm B^b₇ E^b 1-3

spir - its with cour - age and faith.
 spir - its with vi - sion and grace.
 spir - its with lov - ing em - brace.
 spir - its, the fu - ture to

A^b/E^b E^b A^b/E^b E^b 4

face.

This Sunday's Mother's Day bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Mrs. Louise Porter from her children and families.

This Sunday's bulletin is in loving memory of Rhoda Allen from the family.

Christie Fund Committee: Brief meeting **TODAY** following the morning service.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 19 to review/approve the recommendations of the Christie Fund Committee.

Coffee & Conversation: TODAY, we invite you to join together in the Vestry for punch and fellowship.

"Teach us to pray," the disciples asked Jesus. **Prayer Meeting:** Jeff is interested in a weekly prayer time, once a week, for about a half hour. He plans to use all sorts of prayer resources (books and activities) not just 'close your eyes and speak.' He will schedule the time and day according to those who are interested. Please speak with him about this.

Coffee Fellowship: Jeff has been interested in hosting a weekly drop-in for people just to get together at First Baptist, for a half hour, during the week. Anyone interested? You don't even have to drink coffee! Speak with him, and he will plan this for a time and day that works for people.

Food Sculpture Contest: Let's stock up on Kraft Dinner and canned goods which will be used to build a structure this fall, with all goods for the Amherst Food Bank.

CBAC Prayer Link: Happy Mother's Day! Praise God for the wonderful women he has placed in our homes and churches. Thank God for their loving kindness and how they care for those around them. Ask God to encourage and strengthen the women in your life, and pray especially for those who are grieving on this day.

Gospel Music: Gospel Music with Sim Rushton and Lawry MacLeod on **Monday, May 13** at **6:00 pm** at the **A & E Centre Amherst Centre Mall**. Freewill offering with proceeds to the Amherst Food Bank.

The **Spinney Brothers** will be at the **Wentworth Recreation Center** on **Saturday, June 8**. Doors open at 6:00 pm; show starts at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$35.00. Tickets can be purchased from their website at wentworthrecctr.com or Wentworth Recreation Center (pick up) 9:00 am- 4:30 pm (closed for lunch 12-1 pm). For more information call Laurel Adams at 902-899-3634.

Schedule – Sun., May 12 – Mon., May 20:

Sun., 12	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Christie Fund Mtg.
	11:30 am	Coffee & Fellowship
Mon., 13	10:00 am	Practice for White Birches
Tue., 14	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Board of Management
Thur., 16	1:30 pm	Singing at White Birches
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 19	10:30 am	Worship Service Acts 2:1-21; Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
	10:30 am	Congregational Mtg.
Mon., 20		Church & Office Closed – Victoria Day

Offerings for Sunday, May 5

Envelopes	\$1,510.00
Plate	\$ 50.00
Benevolent	\$ 103.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$1,713.00

Pre-Authorized Offerings for April
\$1,125.00