

**Parking Lot Service  
Unity Moravian Church  
May 9, 2021**

**Watchword for the Week:** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

Psalm 98:4

**Welcome**

Rev. Joe Moore

**Prelude**

*This is My Father's World*  
Donna Shore

arr. D. Hegarty

**Call to Worship**

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world.

**We give thanks to you, for you are good; your love is eternal.**

We glorify you, majestic Lord.

**We praise your holy name.**

**Song**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease-  
'tis music in the sinners ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.*

**Mother's Day Prayer**

Lord, we thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, "church mom" or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for moms who try to balance vocation and family.

**Grant them the courage of living each day.**

We pray for stepmoms.

**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms whose marriages are facing challenges.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who have lost their children.

**Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

**Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them the joy and appreciation of others.**

We pray for moms who show us the way of faith.

**Grant them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mothers.

**Grant them hope and comfort in Christ's resurrection.**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture and we thank you for the women who have inspired us by their motherly examples.

We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage to say "yes" to your calling. May all the women we pray for today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for the rest of us what it means to be your disciples; in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

**Special Music**

*Another Child to Hold*  
Rick Madison

arr. Ray Boltz

**Praying with and for our Church Family**

Rev. Joe Moore

Please remember in your prayers: Teresa Perry, Kay Huneycutt, Richard Williamson, Terry Sink, Don Matney, Lou Utt, Louise Poindexter (Janet Sowers mother) Jeff Chrysson, the family of Linda Bean.

**Pastoral Prayer****Worship by Learning and Serving****Worship by Giving**

(Jesus) called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Mark 12:43-45

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**Offertory:**            *A Child of the King*                    arr. C. Simone  
Donna Shore

**New Testament**

I John 5:1-6

Dana Myers

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

*This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.*

**Gospel**

John 15:9-17

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.*

*I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.*

## **Meditation**

Dana Myers

## **Song**

**Christian Hearts, in Love United**

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*Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest;  
has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.  
Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,  
brethren his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one.*

*Grant, Lord, that with thy direction, "Love each other," we comply,  
aiming with unfeigned affection thy love to exemplify;  
let our mutual love be glowing; thus the world will plainly see  
that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.*

*O that such may be our union as thine with the Father is,  
and not one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss;  
may our light break forth with brightness, from thy light reflected shine;  
thus the world will bear us witness that we, Lord, are truly thine.*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Hymn to Joy*  
Donna Shore

arr. F. Ritter

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