

Wesley United, Cambridge
Sunday, May 13, 2018
Mother's Day: Ferocious Mother-love
Harnessing the Power of Motherhood

* = stand as able.

Bold = congregational response

Hymn Books: VU (*Voices United*); MV (*More Voices*)

**This morning's bulletin is given
in loving memory of Eileen Burnes by Anne Tinker.**

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Gathering Music: Hymn Sing
Highlighted Announcements

OPENING TO DIVINE PRESENCE

Greeting & Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit "For the Beauty of the Earth" #226 VU (tune – Dix #81)

Centring

Ministry of Music "My Mother's Love" - Tom Shelton
(Wesley Senior Choir)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 - Mary Labram
Prayer

Question: Think of a time when you experienced the strong,
passionate, protective, ferocious mother-love.

*Hymn "Who is My Mother?" #178 MV

*The Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

(Sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer (sung) #959 VU

*(NOTE – If you wish to make this more inclusive, you may sing
"Creator, Redeemer..." or "Our Father, Our Mother...")*

A TIME OF REFLECTION

"The First Disciples" – from The Gospel According to Mary,
by M.T.Winter

One: Offered as Wisdom for the Journey

All: May we walk in its light.

Sung Response (#115 MV):

**Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you, and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

Biblical Mothers

Facing the Darkness

Sung Response (#45 MV):

Come walk with us, the journey is long (x4)

The journey, the journey, the journey is long (x4)

Assurance of Hope

Sung Response (#115 MV):

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beginning with you, and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

Original Mother's Day Proclamation (Julia Ward Howe)

Ferocious Mother-love

Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" #684 VU

Scripture Reading - Luke 24:44-53

- Mary Labram

One: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response (#115 MV)

THANKSGIVING

Blessed by our Mothers

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory Music Give Thanks - Philip Keveren
(Piano duet: Rick McFadden and Marilyn Allen)

*Sung Response “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #602 (vs 1,4)

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Call to Ministry

**We go forth from the worship of God
To be faithful to the vision of Jesus
To affirm each person’s dignity
And to cherish the living earth.**

*Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” #686 VU

*Benediction

*Sung Response “You Are *Freedom*” #45 MV

**You are *freedom*, you show us the way, (x4)
You show us, you show us, you show us the way. (x4)**

Postlude:

For Eileen . . . Toccata - Widor