

**Community Church of Barrington
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020**



A Mother's Love

**Community Church of Barrington
Order of Worship**

PRELUDE

A Mother's Prayer

Celine Dion

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

All Voices: **We gather together to worship our loving God; this God who knows us intimately, love us unconditionally, instructs us intently, and comforts us unceasingly. We gather in the presence of our God, the source and sustainer of life, our Mother and Father, and so much more. Gracious God, we thank You for this moment of worship. Meet us in this place. Speak to us, guide us and bless us we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 32:9-11 (KJV)

For the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up *her* nest, fluttereth over *her* young, spreadeth abroad *her* wings, taketh them, beareth them on *her* wings.

John 2:1-5 (NRSV)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

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Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care.
And bids me at my Father's throne, makes all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found release.
And oft, escaped, the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

In A Mother's Heart

Today's anthem was adapted by Thomas Keesecker from a poem, The Motherheart of God, by J. S. Cutler

Motherhood, a love eternal, lives in God's great heart of love;
Ever holds us and enfolds us, underneath, around, above.
Patient, tender, kind, forgiving, even if we've gone astray,
Faithful like a burning candle, keeping vigil night and day.

God bless mothers in all places, places dark or full of light,
Be with those who need your guidance, help them find a way that's right.
Give us hands to serve the stranger, bend our hearts to those in need,
Like a mother for her children, love demands a loving deed.

God is love, and love forever in a mother's heart is found,
Always turning, understanding, deep, yet simple and profound.
God bless those who in their caring show the world a way to be,
Full of truth and peace and justice, bound with hope and harmony.

God is love. God is love.

God bless mothers who, by caring, show the world a way to be;
Full of peace and truth and justice, bound with hope and harmony.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O
Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19)**

SERMON

A Mother's Love

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Arr. Mark Hayes

A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.

**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.

**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.

**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.

**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp

