



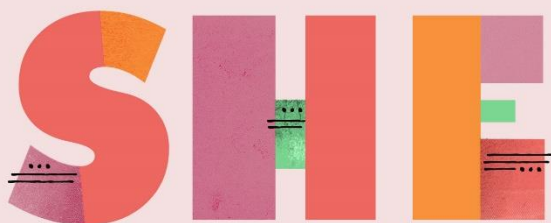
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M A T T E R S

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Mother's Day

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

O God, loving Parent to us all,
To mothering:
to cradling and nurturing, to holding and letting go,
we commit ourselves as your people in this place.
To mothering:
to comforting and challenging, to forgiving and releasing,
we commit ourselves as your people in this place.
To mothering:
to laughter and friendship, to hospitality and mission,
we commit ourselves as your people in this place.
Amen.

Prelude "Easter Chant" LINDA
(based on "O Filii et Filiae" - Gregorian "O Sons and Daughters"; arr. Gordon Young)

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* Hymn of Praise "We Praise You, O God" 612 - GG

- 1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*
- 2. We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;
through trial and tempest, compassion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.*
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

* **Prayer of Approach**

A Gift of Song "Children of the Heavenly Father" ALLISON and LISA
(CAROLINE Sandell/Swedish Folk Tune; arr. STEPHANIE Martin)

Responsive Reading "We Stand in Solidarity"

LEADER: Gracious God, Holy One, we come before you this day,
all of us, as your diverse and beautiful children.
We bring our lives, stories, families, relationships,
and our very existence to this time of worship,
all of which is shaped and touched by women.

PEOPLE: **We praise you, O God, for the gift of women,
not to the exclusion of others, but as
invaluable members of humanity made to be
in right relationship with you, and all people.**

LEADER: We give thanks for the mothers of our faith and for all
Biblical women who tell the story of your everlasting
love and righteousness. We remember mothers and
poets like Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary –
women who laugh at the mysteries of life,
pray without ceasing, sing songs of praise, ponder
your words, and whose womb housed the Word.

PEOPLE: **We remember leaders: liberators, judges,
prophets, and queens like Miriam, Deborah,
Huldah, and Esther – women who lead people
out of houses of bondage, who rule with equity
and wisdom, who point us to your word,
and who risk their lives for their people.**

LEADER: We remember disciples, apostles, and builders of the
Church like Mary Magdalene, Martha, Priscilla,
Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe – female witnesses
to Christ's resurrection,
who proclaim the good news of the gospel,
who stand with the poor and oppressed,
who heal the sick, and offer their homes and
resources to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

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PEOPLE: We stand in solidarity with women
whose stories are heavy with pain,
who long for dignity and justice –
women like Hagar who are scorned;
women like Dinah and Bathsheba
who are raped and objectified; women like
Delilah and Jezebel who are demonized;
women like Rahab who are disdained.

LEADER: We honor nameless women, remembered not by
name, but for their actions and life circumstances:
the woman at the well, the woman who anointed Jesus,
the Syro-Phoenician woman,
daughters of Israel and sisters in Christ one and all.

PEOPLE: Generous and Loving God, we witness
your on-going commitment to women,
in whose lives you continue to tell the story
of your eternal love.

LEADER: We give thanks for the gifts of women:
gifts of intuition, integrity, and imagination;
gifts of wisdom, authenticity, and compassion;
gifts of expressiveness, openness, and humility.

PEOPLE: We give thanks for the dedication of mothers,
aunts, sisters, grandmothers, godmothers,
daughters, partners, friends,
mentors and pillars of society.

LEADER: We give thanks for women's commitment to life itself:
as givers of life who carry, labor with, and give birth to
many things; as sustainers of life who nourish,
abide with, protect, and empower; as respecters of life
who celebrate maturation and mourn loss of life.

PEOPLE: God of justice, we recognize your divine image
in womankind, and therefore, we denounce:
violence against women; rape and all attempts
to dominate and coerce women; sexual exploitation
of women; silencing of women;
actions and words which seek to diminish *(over)*

women's value, esteem, and importance;
all attempts to limit women, to restrict their
rights, and to segregate them from any realm
in our society.

LEADER: We pray for a day when all tears will be wiped away
and for a world in which communities are shaped by
gender equality and justice, where womanhood is
revered and honored, femininity is embraced and
celebrated by all, and women are restored to lives of
dignity, wholeness, and joy.

ALL: In the name of God, Creator, Father and
Mother of us all we pray. Amen.

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

A Gift of Music "Blessed Assurance" ALLISON
(FANNY Cosby/PHOEBE Knapp)

* Offertory Prayer "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

609 - GG

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Hebrew Lesson: 1 Kings 17: 17 - 24

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7: 11 - 17

Sermon: "She Matters"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response

“God of the Women”

(CAROLYN Winfrey Gillette - Tune: SLANE)

1. *God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth –
Give us their courage to live in your truth.*
2. *God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more –
May we give freely as they did before.*
3. *God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" –
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.*
4. *God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day –
May we so gladly proclaim you today.*
5. *O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.*

Benediction

Postlude

"Nun danket alle Gott"

("Now Thank We All Our God" - Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

LINDA