

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
**Mother's Day**

**Pre-Service Song: Praise is Rising**

**Welcome**

Good morning, and welcome to Woody Nook CRC's live-streamed service. We look forward to the day when we can worship together in person but we are thankful that we can still worship together in spirit. Today we put our faith, hope and trust in our God who never fails us. In Matt 11: 28 Jesus said 'come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' In these trying times, that promise still stands and it is my prayer this morning that each one of us is able to experience the presence of God and cast all our burdens on to him. Please join with me in singing 'faithful one'

**Song: Faithful One**

**Call to Worship:**

Father of us all, Mother of each one,  
thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.  
You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs,  
you knit us together lovingly,  
your devotion to us has not failed,  
your care has followed us our whole life long.  
All we are and all we have, we owe to you,  
and so on this, the Lord's Day,  
in this house devoted to your glory,  
we give honour to you  
with our hearts and hands and voices.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**God's Greeting**

**Song(s): your grace is enough (if drummer) OR  
In Christ alone as an option**

**Litany of Praise, Lament and Confession**

One: Like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly,  
You push us to stretch our wings and risk falling,  
yet You do not abandon us but lift us up,  
protecting us from evil.

**All: We thank You, mothering God.**

One: Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger,  
You bring justice on those who oppress the young.

**All: We thank You, mothering God.**

One: Your Spirit comforts us as one whom a mother comforts.

**All: We thank You, mothering God.**

One: Holy Spirit, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life.  
We praise You for the gift of mothers  
through whom You give us life.

**All: We thank You for their willingness to nurture life,  
for their trust in You to guide them  
through the labor of childbirth,  
the uncertainties of youth,  
the letting go of young adulthood.**

One: We thank You for all those women,  
who did not give us birth,  
but through whom You give us abundant life:

**All: We thank You for school teachers, aunts, grandmothers,  
sisters, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers,  
supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.**

One: We ask Your tender mercies on all those  
whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus,  
for those whose tears are not yet dry.

**All: Grant them Your peace, which passes understanding.**

One: We ask Your comforting presence on those mothers  
who have buried sons and daughters.

**All: Grant them the grace to trust their loved ones  
to Your never-ending care.**

One: We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers  
by harsh words, distance, misunderstanding.

**All: Grant them Your grace to forgive and to love again.**

One: We pray for mothers whose children met a violent death.

**All: Deliver them from anguish.**

One: We pray for mothers who work but cannot earn enough  
feed and clothe and educate their children.

**All: Wake us to our responsibility for common welfare.**

One: We pray for mothers who are dying or suffering from diseases for which we know no cure.

**All: Raise up among us caregivers for their children and expand our compassion.**

One: We pray for mothers who are guardians for grandchildren whose parents are unable or unwilling to care.

**All: Grant them courage and strength and patience for the living of each day.**

One: We pray for mothers whose children face limitations of intelligence, emotional, or physical ability.

**All: Grant them wisdom to encourage each child's full potential with You.**

One: We pray for women who struggle with fertility, for those whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those who want to be mothers and have never given birth.

**All: For their tears, strength, wisdom and lives, we thank You, mothering God. Amen.**

### **Assurance of God's Pardon and Love**

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace. Thanks be to God.

**Song: Before the throne of God above**

**Children's Blessing**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture: Exodus 2: 1-10**

**Sermon: Holding on to Hope**

**Song: Living Hope**

**Prayers of the People**

**God's Parting Blessing**

**Song: the Blessing**

Offerings:

1. Capital Fund
2. Lacombe Christian School