

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY
MAY 12, 2013**

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE – #92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”.**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. We've come to worship God,

P. Who loved us before we were yet born,

L. Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

**P. Whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**

L. This is our God.

P. Let's worship together!

***CONGREGATION'S PRAYER: Gracious God, we praise you for your great love towards us. We thank you for the heritage you have chosen us for, the promises you have made to us, for the many gifts that you grant us for the living of our days. Lord, we know, before your death and resurrection, you said you would be present with us to the close of the age. We remember how you prayed that we might be one - with you - and with one another. Help us to realize your presence with us now, O God, in this time of worship. Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #364 “Because He Lives”
CHORAL ANTHEM – “Mother, A Gift From God”**

DEDICATION LITANY (Would all women please come forward)

Leader: Today we recognize God's creation of women. We thank God for the many ways that women help us each day. For women who prepare meals

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women to help us when we are sick

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women who teach us

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women who drive us where we need to go

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women who help in construction

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women who sell us things we need

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women who work in churches and in businesses

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: For women who do many other things that make our life more pleasant

Congregation: We thank you, God.

Leader: We ask your blessing on these women who are a part of our congregation today and for those who cannot be with us today. Amen.

CHILDREN WILL PRESENT GIFTS TO WOMEN

**PRAYER HYMN - #2119 “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”
PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE AND THE LESSONS THEY TAUGHT
(presented by women of the congregation)**

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Loving God, Full of Your Spirit, we come now bringing our offerings. May they symbolize our thanksgiving and reflect our commitment to you. Accept them and use them to spread the good news of salvation here in this place and over all the earth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: #2241 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve”
BENEDICTION:
POSTLUDE**

***Those who are able please stand.**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Please join us in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Mother's Day, May birthdays and anniversaries. Our hosts today are Jean and Mike Morehouse.

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Sherri Hunt
Greeters: Marilyn James and Clarice Hardy
Ushers: Helen Schillinger and Dora Lee Castner
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller
Fellowship: Jean and Mike Morehouse
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Stacy Wyant
Counters: Elly Stempien and Marilyn James

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Sherri Hunt
Greeters: John and Judy Patchen
Ushers: Jean and Mike Morehouse
Scripture Reader: Gene James
Fellowship: Marilyn & Gene James
Sunday School: Meredith Nielsen
Nursery: Blanche Fingar and Sonya Andersen
Counters: Elly Stempien and Marilyn James

MID-MONTH SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY – THIS WED., MAY 15TH, 6PM. Please bring a dish to pass and your Bible.

PENTECOST SUNDAY NEXT WEEK!!
(Get out your RED to wear) We better be seeing RED!

***GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS AND MARK THE DATE – LANCASTER TRIP TO SEE NOAH AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER, JULY 24-25TH. COST AND OTHER DETAILS WILL BE COMING SOON.**

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