



**Mothering
Sunday**

**United All-Age Service
Sunday 30th March 2025**

Welcome

Leader Praise God who loves us.
All Praise God who cares.

Hymn 631 Tell out my soul

Drama A job for life

Thanksgiving

Leader We thank God for giving us others to share in our lives:
for parents, and the love which brought us to birth:
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader For mothers, who have cherished and nurtured us:
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader For fathers, who have loved and supported us,
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader For brothers and sisters, with whom we have shared our
home:
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader For children and their parents:
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader For other relatives and friends, who have been with us in
our hopes and joys and in times of sadness:
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader For all who first spoke to us of Jesus,
and have drawn us into the family of our Father in heaven:
All **we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

Leader Help us to live as those who belong to one another,
and to you, our Father, now and always. **Amen.**

Confession

Leader Heavenly Father, parent of us all,
we know we don't always treat each other
as you want us to.

Lord God, forgive us;

All and help us to be more loving.

Leader There are times when we insist on getting our own way
despite what others feel.

Lord God, forgive us;

All and help us to be more loving.

Leader Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to seek
peace, or say things which hurt one another.

Lord God, forgive us;

All and help us to be more loving.

Leader God has loved us, sending his Son Jesus to show us the true
meaning of forgiveness

Lord God, forgive us;

All and help us to be more loving.

Absolution (*we are reminded that God forgives all who repent*)

Leader May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Song **809 Blessed be the name of the Lord**

Readings 1 Kings 17:7-16 (video – pg 358 Church Bible)

Matthew 6:25-end (pg 971 Church Bible)

Sermon **Simplicity**

Song **Brother, sister let me serve you**

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will weep when you are weeping
when you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Distribution of flowers

**All Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God, Mother and Father of us all,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Mother and Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Followed by the Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Engage Q&A with Carolyn Dickins

Notices

Hymn **51 Be thou my vision**

The Dismissal

Leader **Praise God who loves us.**

All **Praise God who cares.**

Blessing

Leader **May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,
bless us:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless
us.**

**May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.**

All **Amen.**

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the service

