

# First Mennonite Church of Richmond

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader Tina Eshleman  
Music Leader Amber Ocasio with Murray Ellison  
Prelude Marilla Clay

### Litany Prayer

L: God, you have given birth to all, and like a mother you pour out your love on us: providing, guiding, defending, correcting, and sacrificing yourself for us.

### GATHERING

Call to Worship  
Hymn "Great is the Lord" **HWB** 87  
Hymn "I love to tell the story" **HWB** 398  
Litany Prayer (opposite) Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

**C: Like a mother bird you feed your chicks. Like a mother bear you protect your cubs. Like all those who have mothered us, you believe in us and encourage us and can see the best in us, even when we are at our worst.**

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "Thy holy wings" **STJ** 118  
*Dismissal for Junior Worship (ages 4-7)*  
Scripture Matthew 12:9-13  
Sermon "Stewardship of Time: So we are healed"  
Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim  
*Silent Reflection*

L: God, today and every day, we are grateful for those who have given us motherly love. We are grateful for countless kisses, hugs, and tears wiped away. We are grateful for their hard-working days and sometimes sleepless nights. We are grateful for smiles, tenderness, and our names spoken with warmth.

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "Healer of our every ill" **HWB** 377  
Sharing of Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim  
Offering  
Offertory Marilla Clay

**C: Thank you, God, for all who have been mothers to us. Thank you that in their love we experience some of your eternal, perfect love. We place them in your hands—those living and those now at rest—by now saying their names aloud ...**

L: Hold them, God. Bless them. Keep them in your infinite love.

**ALL: AMEN.**

### SENDING

Sending Song "You are salt for the earth" **HWB** 226  
Benediction