

We acknowledge and proclaim this special day as a day to value and celebrate the gift of mothering.

We know mother,

For she is the one who conceived, carried and delivered us, all the while in patience and receptive anticipation.

We know mother,

For she is the one who fed us; watched us grow; kept us safe and taught us about the world...

in time to let us grow and go our own ways as unique individuals.

We know mother,

For she is the one who, without children of her own, knows the way of children, reaches out and guides us; heals us when we are injured and teaches us to love one another.

We know mother,

For we rejoice in the bonds of caring and community within our church at Avondale.

We extend our hearts, minds and bodies through lending our hand to one another in times of goodness and need. To do so like the arms of a mother reaching out to guide, encircle and support.

Through such connection, people in all their differences and similarities join together to express and experience the giving, sharing and cooperation that has no bound, in age, by race, or by sex.

To experience these qualities of 'the mother' within ourselves and through one another.

We know mother,

For we recognize and proclaim the need for our 'mothering' to extend to the reaches of the greater world.

To reach out to the hungry with food and knowledge.

To comfort the lost and heal the sick.

To influence the war-makers and support those who seek peace.

To value and nurture a planet which has long supported us.

To protect and praise Mother Earth as a glorious gift and tangible reflection of God's love.

God who is Mother and Father to us all.

-Cheryl Judd-Magee

