

# Sunday Praise & Worship Service



Order of Service



# Bloor Lansdowne Christian Fellowship



11:00 A.M. † May 13, 2012



Happy   
*Mother's*  
Day

## Announcements:

- ❖ Wednesday: 11AM Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday: 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday: 7:00PM BLCF Youth
- ❖ Saturday June 16 – 7:00 PM Cup of Cold Water Fundraiser



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*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. – Galatians 3:14*

## Blessed Mothers

Blessed are the Mothers who love God, for their children shall not be ignorant of their Creator and His plans concerning them.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the word of God, for their children shall know of the way, the truth and the life.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the house of God, for their children shall enter there and sit with them in the presence of God.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to pray, for their children shall feel the power of prayer and many shall find salvation.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to give to the cause of Christ, for their children shall become supporters of the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the family altar, for they shall have their reward in this world and in the world to come.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to speak kind words to their neighbour's children, for thereby they shall win other boys and girls besides their own to Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to be companions to their children, for they shall be called understanding Mothers.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to fight life's battles bravely with a strong and steadfast faith in God, for their children shall know where to find strength in time of need.

Blessed are the Mothers who, when they are old and gray, can look back upon memory's wall with no regret and can say, "I brought my children up in the fear of the Lord." Theirs are the mansions in glory.

(Author unknown)



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Announcements & Call to Worship: *Responsive Reading 601*; Prayer

Hymn #553: *Morning Has Broken*

Choruses

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

Today's Scriptures: *Psalm 98 and John 15:9-15*

Message by Pastor Andrew Mugford: *'The Joy found in Christ's Friendship'*

Hymn #192: *Joys Are Flowing Like a River*

**Benediction (Jude 1:24-25):** *To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! - Amen.*

## BIG IDEA

Our joy is made complete in Christ but loving one another in the same way that he loved us. We are commanded to show each other sacrificial love.

## Key verse

John 15:11

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

## The Gospel of Joy

The Gospel is about Joy. God creates a world because His overflowing joy fills creation. Sin is us screwing up and doing stupid things that reduce the amount of joy in the world. So, God says I'm going to give you another chance. If you follow Jesus, little by little I'm going to increase the amount of joy in your life and your community's life and in the last day it will all be joy, we will get it all back.

Discipleship is friendship

Abide in God's Love to Perfect our Joy – 9-11

Love (agape) originates with God

We are to look to God first for love (abide = accept, endure, live, dwell)

To abide in his love, keep his commandments: but which commandments?

Jesus models for us what he expects of us

Jesus teaches us so we will be filled with his Joy. He completes our Joy (cf: Isaiah 25:9)

Rabbi's thought Joy in the present era was incomplete because it was blocked by death. through the resurrection Jesus is removing this block and therefore perfecting our joy.

Jesus is here making a clear claim to be the Messiah.

What commandment?

Love one another as I have loved you. How did Christ love us?

Not a perverted love, but a love demonstrated by self-sacrifice. That is the greatest love!

Friends with Jesus not his servants

Only other people are called friends are Abraham (2 Chronicles 20:7) and Moses (Exodus 33:11)

His friendship is extended to us, if (if) we do what he commands

Servants vs. Friends > friends tell each other everything, servants are told what they need to know.

## TAKE ACTION

1. Read John 15:1-27 & Review the notes above
2. Read a spiritual book, have a spiritual conversation, listen to spiritual music. Do something to remind you of God's love for you.
3. Journal: 1) How do you "abide/live/dwell/" in God's love? What practical steps can you take? 2) How do you model God's self-sacrificial love to others? Have you ever done this or have you witnessed others do this? 3) What does it mean to live as a friend rather than as a servant? How does this affect your relationships with your close friends? 4) Do you find it difficult to be joyful when you're facing the difficulties of life?

Answer this question: If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Email them to me at: [aj.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:aj.mugford@gmail.com) by May 20.