

# ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

(Est. April 8, 1920)

*Rev. Dr. Damion T. Batts,  
Senior Pastor-Elect*



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

## **RUBY ROSE COOPER ADMINISTRATION**

525 Dinwiddie Street, Norfolk, VA 23523

Office: (757) 543-1980 Fax: (757) 543-2641

Dial-A-Prayer: (757) 543-7766

Email: antiochmissbapch@verizon.net

PastorDTBatts9.AntiochMBC@gmail.com

Office: 1-804-931-4971

*May 12 2024*

*Join Pastor Batts for Community*

*Prayer in the Prayer Room: Tuesdays and Thursdays*

*6:30 a.m. 1-848-777-1500, Access code #21180*

## **SUNDAY SERVICES:**

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Dial in Morning Service

Dial: 1-978-990-5125 Access Code: 1754254#

Facebook Live Link: @AntiochNorfolk or

Webpage: <https://www.antiochnorfolk.org>

## **SUNDAY RADIO BROADCAST:**

1400 am WPCE and 95.3 FM

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm





The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Scripture Responsive Reading

I Peter 4:7- 14

New Living Translation

<sup>7</sup> The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

<sup>8</sup> **Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.**

<sup>9</sup> Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

<sup>10</sup> **God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.**

<sup>11</sup> Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever!

Amen.

<sup>12</sup> **Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.**

<sup>13</sup> Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

**ALL:** <sup>14</sup> **If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you.**





## The Mother's Day Call to Worship

*Adapted from Christine Sine's "Godspace"*

**Leader:** Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers and "moms" and all those who nurture us in mothering ways, for all they mean or have meant to us.

**People:** We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given. For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.

**Leader:** Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the qualities of mothers: for their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

**People:** We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and for this special day of saying 'thank you' to them.

**Leader:** Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's Day brings heartache rather than celebration. We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have passed on. And we grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult relationship with their mother.

**People:** We thank you that when we long for a mother's love you do not abandon us.

**Leader:** We wait with those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children. We grieve with those who ache because they will never be mothers. We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives.

**People:** We thank you for their mothering hearts which long to be expressed.

**Leader:** Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the wonder of your mothering: protecting, providing and being present with us day by day. May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant, your understanding is perfect, and your compassion is never-ending.

**ALL:** We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy, Lord in your mercy mother us all with your love. AMEN!

Happy  
Mother's  
Day





***The Mother's Day Litany***  
*By the Rev. Robb McCoy (UMC Pastor)*

**Leader:** All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**All:** We praise God for the women who gave us life.

**Leader:** For mother's brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**All:** We give God thanks and praise.

**Leader:** For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**All:** We pray for peace.

**Leader:** For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**All:** We pray for healing.

**Leader:** For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**All:** We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

**Leader:** For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

**All:** We weep with those with broken hearts.

**Leader:** For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

**All:** We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

**Leader:** For those who are preparing emptier nests,

**All:** We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

**Leader:** For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**All:** We pray for wisdom and patience.

**Leader:** For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

**All:** We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

**Leader:** For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

**All:** We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

**Leader:** For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

**All:** We give God thanks and praise.

**Leader:** For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

**All:** We give God thanks and praise.

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*