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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

MAY 8, 2022

MOTHER'S DAY

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Congregation please respond with the bolded lines

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

A Mother's Day Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for our mothers. Today, we remember their loving care and ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words, and our actions that we love and care about them, too. Thank you for those who are true mothers within our Christian family. May they know your blessing and strength as they care for others and our gratitude for their love and encouragement. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"These Are the Things"

Williams and Lantz

Chancel Choir

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank you, God, for our families;

For brother, sister, parent, child.

Thank you, God, for our friends;

To laugh with, play with, and cry with.

Thank you, God, for our church, our spiritual home and family.

For all the ways you bless us: We thank you God!

+OPENING HYMN # 139 (v. 1, 3, 5) *"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"*

United Methodist Hymnal

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;

Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him.

+OPENING PRAYER

Thank you, God that you are as tender and strong as a mother. You give us life, and care for us like a mother who will not forsake her children. We pray for all mothers today - for all the love, nurturing, and guidance they give us. We lift them up to you, O God in thanksgiving and ask for your blessing on all our relationships in the families of our homes, our churches, and our communities. Amen.

A LITANY PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

By Peggy Emerson

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all! Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter. Thank God for our mothers!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth. Thank God for the mothers who have gone before.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now. Thank God for the mothers here today.

For all the women who are expecting, waiting for that bundle of joy! Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care. Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child and must carry on. Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else. Thank God for the mothers in heart and spirit.

We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do.

Amen.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, like a Mother raising her child, you teach us the ways of life and love. Help us to listen and understand your words for us this day and always. Amen.

Love

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

+HYMN # 140

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

United Methodist Hymnal

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness, to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus*

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, for all you have given, for all we have received, we give you thanks. We bring before you our gifts of substance and the gifts of our lives. We bring our passion, joy, and surprise, our visions, and our dreams. May they refresh and enliven our church and our community. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“A Mother’s Hands”
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28
The Canaanite Woman’s Faith

New Revised Standard Version

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

MESSAGE

“A Mother’s Strength”

Pastor Roy

+CLOSING HYMN # 334

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

United Methodist Hymnal

There's a sweet, sweet, spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for all these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know, that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.

BENEDICTION

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