

## MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

May 13, 2018

Eleven O'clock

### Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Elder Julia Gassaway

VOLUNTARY ..... "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

HYMN ..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" .....276

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#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God of love, we thank you for mothers who live boldly the commands of your unconditional love. We bless you for appointing times and occasions for us to honor mothers on earth and remember mothers who rest from their labors. We praise you, O God, for your love made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and we bless you with all that is within us. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... "Let the Heav'n Light Shine on Me"

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#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, you raised Jesus from the dead, proclaimed his victory over death, and declared him Lord of lords. You invite us to come to you and confess our sins, and know the liberty that comes from you alone. We confess that we have been slow to come boldly before your throne of grace and lay bare our sins. We feel your Spirit's power driving us from the wages of sin to a new creation in Christ. Thank you for your mercy, O God. Forgive us for our timid ways that make us stumble and lose sight of your holy light, and shower us with your perfect love that we may be healed. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is gracious, merciful, and faithful to forgive, for it is God's desire that all people come into a knowledge of God in Jesus Christ our Lord and be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

#### SILENT MEDITATION

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WELCOME TO VISITORS ..... Mrs. Gayle Dixon

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... Deacon Jo Ella Ferrell

OFFERTORY SELECTION ..... "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING ..... "The Doxology"

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#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, you have left no age without your Word. As we now hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our minds that we may understand it, and our hearts that we may obey your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES ..... Old Testament: Exodus 20:12

New Testament: Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25b-27

ANTHEM ..... "Faith of Our Mothers"

SERMON ..... Another Look at Mother Mary

Rev. Samuel Stevenson

HYMN ..... "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" ..... 372

CONFESSION OF FAITH ..... The Apostles' Creed

HYMN ..... "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" ..... 369

#### BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY ..... "Immortal, Invisible"

**Worshippers May Enter the Sanctuary**