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them
in your
name

JOHN 17:11



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“In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people.”

Watchword for the Week: Jesus says, “Sanctify them in truth; your word is truth.” **John 17:17**

Prelude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

Call to Worship & Daily Text ... May 13, 2018

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Introit**

The Chancel Choir

***Processional Hymn “Faith of Our Mothers”** Tune #404 Celebration Hymnal.

Faith of our mothers, living still, In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air:

Refrain:

Faith of our mothers, living faith!

We will be true to thee to death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith, Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove, Source of a finer, nobler race:

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way, Thy providential care without:

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church, And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:

***Mother's Day Liturgy**

Sis. Shanice Gainey

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may

reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for moms who try to balance vocation and family.

Grant them courage for the living of each day.

We pray for stepmoms.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for moms who show us the way of faith.

Grant them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

(All women and girls are invited to stand for a blessing.)

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Now hear the names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples ...

We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***Hymn "Motherhood, Sublime, Eternal" T495**

Motherhood, sublime, eternal, lives in God's great heart of Love;
Ever holds us, safe enfolds us, underneath, around, above;
Patient, tender, kind, forgiving, though in devious paths we roam;
Gently chides us, ever guides us, and all-loving, leads us home.

Ev'ry wrong will sure be righted; ev'ry evil swept away;
Truth upspringing, justice bringing, ushers in the brighter day;
Mother calls her earthly children, loves them, lifts them when they fall;
Striving, calling, fainting, falling, Motherlove enfolds them all.

God is love, and love forever in the motherheart is blest;
Lives the longest, lifts the strongest, far outreaching all the rest;
Not by might, and not by wisdom comes our lifting from the sod:
Love's pure glory tells the story in the Motherheart of God.

Text by Rev. J. S. Cutler 1854-1930

Welcome & Announcements

Bro. Stephen James Sr.

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"

invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

Announcements May 13, 2018

- Please join us for Bible Study this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. You may also join in via phone by calling 605 -475-4742 and use access code 824450 at 6:30 pm.
- Sis. Evelyn Lloyd is currently a patient at St. Luke's Roosevelt hospital on Amsterdam Ave. Let us keep her in our prayers for healing.
- The next Health Talk shall be presented next Sunday after worship. Prostate cancer will be the topic.
- The Men's Fellowship will meet today right after worship.
- As well, the Jamaica Group is meeting in the Asst. Pastor's office after service.
- Congratulations to Sis. Danielle Chambers who was nominated for the NYC Big Apple Teaching Award and she is now one of the finalists. This is an award that recognizes teachers for modeling excellence in the classroom. This past Tuesday she appeared on NBC's The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon as a finalist.
- Along that note, we are proud of the teachers in our church and community. They provide countless hours of support, guidance and care to those who rely on their expertise.

Nurses Salute

To all the nurses in our congregation, especially those who serve on the Health Committee, thank you! You are fundamental to health care, disease prevention, patient care, and education. We know and see you work and use your gifts to serve others. Your service and labor is not in vain and it is MUCH appreciated! As you have given, may it be given back to you and your family, good health, good finances, and prosperity. May the services and seeds you sown be measured back to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!!

Happy Nurses Appreciation Week!



Proverbs 31: 25-31

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Mighty women of God, today we honor you for who you are. You are great, you are amazing, you are phenomenal and there aren't enough words to describe who you are and how much you mean to us. Moms you gave birth to us, you encourage us and you love us like no other and today we recognize you in all your beauty, strength, and love.



- The Jamaica Group's Night of Nostalgia is this Saturday at 4:00 pm. Refer to the bulletin ad for more information, or simply get your tickets today!
- All college bound students should apply for C.A.R.D scholarship money by June 30th. Applications are on the rack. Speak with Sis. Claire McKay, Bro. Wendell Smith or a C.A.R.D member if questions arise.
- On May 27th at 4:00 pm the New York Area Moravian Musicians will present a benefit concert at First Moravian Church for the Moravian Music Foundation. Donations are \$20 and \$10 for adults and children respectively. Please see Sisters Eldra Drew, Blondel Grant, or Winnifred Farquharson for tickets.
- The 2018 All Nations Rally will be on Saturday June 9th from Noon until dusk. Rally attendees can also visit the UMC Health Fair from Noon to 3:00 pm. Please read the inserted flyer for more details.
- Christian Action for Renewal and Development (C.A.R.D) first luncheon in recognition of all seniors is on Saturday, June 30th from 1:00-5:00 pm right here at United. The donation is \$40 per person. Come and enjoy the fellowship, entertainment, prizes, surprises, and of course, a delicious meal. United will sponsor all of our seniors who are 70 years and older as a sign of love for them. We only stipulate that our seniors must register with the church office no later than June 10th.
- Tickets for the July 7th UMC picnic are available from a Men's Fellowship or Board of Trustees member. It will be at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children under 13. Please support the church by leaving your car behind and boarding the bus.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Elkema Percival	May 6	JoLee Blondel Jones	May 22
Elaine Elvin	May 8	Trudy Steele	May 24
Lesleen Thomas	May 8	Paschall Simpson	May 28
Davina Chambers	May 11	Kayden Simpson	May 29
Nolerien Grenaway	May 17	Geralda Henry	May 30

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When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God’s truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

Main Points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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COMING EVENTS

May 19	Jamaica Night at United @ 4:00 pm
May 20	Worship Service
May 25 - 28 th	Busy Bees Trip to Amishland
May 27	Worship Service
June 3 rd	Worship Service & Communion Service
June 9 th	All Nations Rally & Health Fair starts at 12:00 pm
June 10 th	Worship Service
June 17 th	Worship Service
June 24 th	Worship Service
June 30 th	C.A.R.D Luncheon for Seniors :1:00 –5:00 pm

Circles of Nurture

Mother's Day is and has been many different things in the lives of families through the years. Our growing awareness of the variety of family dynamics and the many different mothering roles, both within families and beyond them, may be calling us to return to some of the earlier origins of the holiday. Giving birth or even being deeply involved in the care and nurture of children is not a prerequisite for what began as an occasion for women to come together in peace advocacy.

Today's Gospel, with Jesus praying over his disciples, offers us a glimpse of the community nurture role at the heart of the Mothers' Peace Day movement of the 1870s. Jesus' words here, in John 17:9, speak to such nurture: "I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours." All of us, all people, have our own circles of nurture. These are people whom we celebrate being able to enfold in our care. They challenge us, frustrate us, and yet still fill us with deep wells of love. These are the people we deeply feel that God has given us, those for whom we desire the best in all things.

Maybe speaking out to, praying for, and working in tangible ways to see those we love and nurture live into a more peace-filled, just, and equitable world sounds like something other than Mother's Day to you. But consider, just for a moment: isn't working for safe, healthy, fulfilling lives just what those who have cared deeply for us have wanted to provide? Isn't that what we wish to provide for those we love?

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The Moravian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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