

PRELUDE: Silent Mediation

(Contemplative Music)

The Lighting of the Candles

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a helper fit for him." (Genesis 2:18)

Welcome and Announcements : *(Please Stand & Speak Loudly)*

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION: *(Music)*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Congregation in bold)*

P: The magnificence of the Lord continues to shine today and throughout all creation.

C: With his artistic hands God created every living thing, including humankind, and God called it good.

P: Indeed, God created man and woman, and today we celebrate all women on this Mother's Day.

C: And God blessed them, and this blessing lives on even today, for the woman was the mother of all living.

P: And a precious life he bestowed on us because before we were formed in the womb God knew us and the contents of our hearts.

C: Blessed be God! God is omnipresent! God is in us, and God is above us; and just as a hen gathers her chicks, so is the love of God towards us. Amen.

HYMN: (Please Stand) #38 (Red Hymnal) "Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(In Unison)*

Spirit of Gentleness, Spirit of Life, You have called into being every precious life because you are the lover of mankind. Therefore, let every soul acknowledge your love and caring nature, and let every soul yield to You the Giver of life! We believe that as a babe in a manger although you were wrapped in swaddling clothes, you were loved and nurtured, and you grew in wisdom and stature. Today we confess a true feeling of belonging to you, and we call on your holy name to make a special blessing to all mothers and all women. As we clasp our hands in fervent prayer, we believe that our God who has first loved us is willing and able to forgive all our trespasses and will instill new hope in us. Thank you, Great Spirit, for your loving-kindness. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregant Response In Bold)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise

THE GLORIA PATRI (all Sing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son

And to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Peace:

P: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

C: And also, with you.

Dismissal of the Children for Sunday School & Activities

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 1:1-11

SERMON: "Loving Kindness means womb Love" (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: (Please Stand) #272 (Red Hymnal) "Bless be the Tie That Binds "

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Genesis 4:25

"And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and called his name Seth. For God, said she, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

DOXOLOGY: (All Sing)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(Please speak loudly so Pastor can hear names)

A Time of Silent Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (All Pray Aloud)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

MUSICAL RESPONSE: (Musical Interlude)

CLOSING HYMN: (Please Stand) #381 (Black Hymnal) "Faith of our Martyrs"

BENEDICTION: (In Unison)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.

The Extinguishing of the Candles

POSTLUDE: *(Contemplative Music)*

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