

Bethel Presbyterian Church
(Sunday Online Worship Service)
(Eastertide- Mothers Day)
 May 9, 2021 ~ 10:00am

PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come; let us worship the God of love and life.
 We have a message to preach to all.
 Today we celebrate Mothers on this special day.
 And I would like to offer this tribute.

Elder Jeffrey Wright



Let us give God the Praise and make a joyful noise in his name! Ashe

OPENING HYMN

Elder Hernel Braham

GREETINGS:

Liturgist, Elder Fredrica Williams

Introduction Guest Speaker

“Rev. Gloria Lyde Smith”

Liturgist Mothers day tribute.



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
 A mother who never grows old;
 He made her smile of the sunshine,
 And He molded her heart of pure gold;
 In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
 In her cheeks fair roses you see;
 God made a wonderful mother,
 And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
 with words of love and praise.
 While we tell about their goodness
 and their kind and loving ways.
 We should also think of Grandma,
 she's a mother too, you see....
 For she mothered my dear mother
 as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown



MOTHERS DAY PRAYER:

Deacon babatunde Ayroinde

Loving God, we pray for the mothers
 You knit us together in our mother's womb
 And breathe us into being.
 Thank you for the gift of life
 And for bringing us into this world, through our mothers.

We recognize the risk they took
 To carry us, nourish us, and protect us within their bodies.
 Thank you for the women in our life,
 For our mothers and for those who have been like mothers to us.

We are grateful for their tenderness when we were helpless or hurt,
 We are grateful for their encouragement and wisdom when we were unsure,
 We are grateful for their correction and perseverance so we would stay true,
 We are grateful for the way they guided us into Your saving embrace.

Too often we took their love and sacrifice for granted. Forgive us.
 Help us to live in such a way that our words and actions bring
 Honor to them and to You. Amen

THE PARDON:

Rev. Gloria I. Smith

God demonstrates love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: *Gloria Patri-Glory Be to the Father

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

MUSICAL SELECTION: " " Ambe Willimas

SCRIPTURE: " " xxxx

SERMON: " " Rev. Gloria Lyde Smith

CHILDRENS CIRCLE "Eastertide-Gifts of Mothers" Olu, Oyin, Ibrahim

Good morning church my name is-----

Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

In the scriptures Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, Comforting and carrying us in her arms:
"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...."

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children:
"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, God will not forget you!"

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Good morning church my name is-----

It's been said that a mother's heart is the child's classroom. I thank God for all that my mom, has taught me through the years. She is a portrait of a godly mother, and I'm proud to be her child.

My mother is my first teacher to have influenced me. I hope that, you, too, can reflect and remember things your own mother taught you. And I pray that all parents can learn from my mom's example and impart these same truths to their children.

Mom taught me the importance of having a relationship with God because without God, you're nothing. Oh, you may run fast. And you may make good grades and do a lot of things. But He's everything you need. You're nothing without Him." There isn't anything more important for a mother to teach her children than to teach them how to have a relationship with God.

Loving Lord, thank you for my mother and your tender care.

Good morning church my name is Ibrahim.

In life we must trust and obey in the LORD with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding; In all our ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct our paths.

Now let us pray.

Dear God Thank you for Mother Mary the earthly mother of your son Jesus,

Bless my mom to be a good mother.

Give her peace and wisdom,

strength and courage,

grace and happiness.

Be nearby when she needs help.

Keep her close to your Son, Jesus.

Help me to always show my mom

how special she is and how very much I love her. Amen

This concludes the children's message for this week. Ashe!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Apostle Creed) Liturgist, Fredrica Williams

I believe in God the Father all Mighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Special Tribute to Mothers.....Deacon John Hawks II

ANNOUNCEMENTS : Marcus McArthur

Please email your announcements for the week to bethelpresnj@yahoo.com or call the church 908-757-5390 by Thursday of each week.

- Rev. Jason Greer leads the Virtual Bible Study hour on Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Topic "The Tabernacle"
- Bethel Leadership Council new meeting time Monday on Zoom has moved to 8:00-9:00pm. This meeting is open to the membership.

Update on the status of COVID-19---May 19, 2021 a new day Reopening New Jersey: The Road Back

From the governors office----

- New Jersey's restart and recovery is guided by data, improvements in public health, and the capacity to safeguard the public. The state will enter phased-in stages based on public health indicators and compliance, and will be prepared to move back to more restrictive stages if these worsen.

May 12, Stats

New Jersey

Doses given	Fully vaccinated	% of population fully vaccinated
7.6M	3.41M	38.4%

United States

Doses given	Fully vaccinated	% of population fully vaccinated
250M	107M	32.7%

The Bethel Leadership team continues to monitor the situation and is encouraged by the progress our members made in getting vaccinated. The team step-by-step approach reviews the constant changing conditions presented by Covid-19. However we remain cautious and do not want to be premature gathering in confined space yet. Many of the indicators suggest that the next 6 to 8 weeks not to let our guard down and to pay attention to new C.D.C social distancing rule changes.

Teacher Appreciation. *We are saying 'thank you' this week, and throughout the year, to the extraordinary educators who have worked tirelessly with students and families to keep things moving forward during pandemic, despite such an unpredictable year. Teachers are special, heroes and sheroes that deserve our appreciation. Shout out to the teachers.*

Congratulations to Dr. Darcella Sessomes for earning her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary! God's graces be with you as you step ahead towards your calling and may the almighty God order your steps and watch over you. Glory be to God!!!!

This concludes the announcements for the week.

Offertory Hymn: *“Praise God for whom all blessings flow”*

OFFERING: *“For God loves the Cheerful Giver”* Elder Jeffery Wright

Let us pray: O God, we offer you thanksgiving for our lives, our mothers and the gifts that we have received. Bless the offering that it might be the leaven that creates the bread of life and the treasure that enables others to know of your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We thank our online community from all across this country that support Bethel ministry with donations, attendance and participation. It is a blessing and we are grateful. Please continue to spread the good news.

Offerings and contributions can be mailed directly to:
Bethel Presbyterian Church, 300 East 5th St. Plainfield NJ 07060

PRAYER LIST: *“Touch Somebody's Life”* Marcus McArthur

Check on people you love and care about someone may be alone. Finding time to talk to someone may lift him or her up so Please make a call, send email, card or tweet. Let someone know that they are special and you care.

Today we acknowledge and lift up all the mothers on this Zoom call this morning. May the Almighty God bless you, protect you and keep you strong in the name of the Lord. Thank you for all you do. Happy Mothers Day and May your day be as joyful as you are to us.

We lift up in prayer Elder Paul Broady; Deacon Dorothy Spence; Pearl Lowe; Helen Rodriguez; Elder Michael Lawrence, Jackie Horne-Gordon, Elaine Young, Yvonne Ruty, Veronica Bethel to be free from pain.

Condolences to Pastor Lynn Santulli of Resent Ave Presbyterian Church on the passing her husband George we lift you up in prayer.

We pray for: All our Church family and the nations around the world for peace. We pray for the bystanders speaking up on behalf of George Floyd, and Black Lives matter cases.

Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *“It's prayer time”*

CLOSING SELECTION: Aurelia Williams

BENEDICTION: Rev. Gloria L. Smith

COFFEE HOUR:
Open MIC Participants Unmute *“Let's Talk About It, Get it off your chest, Join The Discussion”*

CROSSROADS: We are working on the building-preparing Bethel for the future after 137+ years of service. We want Bethel to transform into a beacon of hope and place of worship that includes our young people. Thus we are open to a new generation of worshiper's style and delivery in the name of Jesus Christ.

What does the African American Church look like after the COVID-19 pandemic? (Bethel Presbyterian Church)

Forward ever Backward never!!!!

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