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**MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE:
BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN**

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

10:00 AM



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WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Musicians

PROCESSIONAL

"Just Want To Praise You Forever," by Maurette Brown Clark

I just want to praise you Forever and ever and ever For all you've done, done for me Blessings and glory and honor They all belong to you Thank you Jesus for blessing me!

GREETINGS

Rev. Vickie Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

MINISTER:

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE:

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

MINISTER:

For the sake of the House of the Lord our God. I will seek Your good.

PEOPLE:

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

MINISTER:

O Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your honor dwells.

PEOPLE:

For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

MINISTER:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE:

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

OPENING HYMN AMECH #352

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

"I Know The Lord's Laid His Hands On Me," *Traditional Hymn*

O I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me O I know the Lord. I know the Lord's laid I hands on me

1 Did ever you see the like before? I know the Lord's laid His hands on me; King Jesus preaching to the poor! I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

2 O wasn't that a happy day, I know the Lord's His hands on me; When Jesus washed my sins away? I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

3 O some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me; They fool all day and pray at night. I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

4 O my Lord's done just what He said, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me; He healed the sick and raised the dead. I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

CALL TO PRAYER

"We Offer Praise"

Rev. Elaine Donaldson

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Thank You Lord"

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

"1 Samuel 1:19-28" (NIV)

Rev. Gladys Burroughs

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her.

20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

21 When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow,

22 Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always."

23 "Do what seems best to you," her husband Elkanah told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh.

25 When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli,

26 and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.

27 I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.

28 So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

May God bless the hearers and doers of His Holy Word. The Word of God for the people of God.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

CHORAL SELECTION

WELCOME / RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AMECH #196

“There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Rev. Vickie Gray

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 they feel the Presence of the Lord.

[Refrain]

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us With Your love; And for 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Vickie Gray

- Thanks to all who participated in the respective meetings during this past week.
- New Member Class meets **every Sunday at 8:30am** in the Mamie I. Robinson Parlor.
- If you have submitted payment for the Doctrine and Disciplines, they are available after worship service in the Archives Room.
- The 12 Noon Bible Study has resumed, please contact the church office for the link to attend.
- The Evening Bible Study has resumed at **6:00pm**. The conference call number is **605.313.5346 - Access Code 8679984#**
- Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is recruiting volunteers to assist with Thursdays Community Outreach Day for two to four hours per week. Assistance is needed in the Center’s Food Pantry, “Stone of Help” Clothes Closet and to help prepare hygiene and personal care kits. Join them and experience the joy of helping others! For more information, contact the center at (313) 635-3355 or leave a message with Ebenezer AME Church Office at (313) 933-6943. With appreciation and gratitude to all! Sis. Edna Walker

- **Sunday, May 10th at 10:00am** Mother's Day Observance: Because of Them We Can
- **Monday, May 11th at 7:30pm** is Leadership Council Check In via Zoom.
- **Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30pm** Class Leaders will Meet via Zoom.
- **Saturday, May 16th, at 11:00am to 2:00pm** Ebenezer Women's Ministry presents their **6th Annual Hat and Glove Tea**. The theme is *"Jewels For Justice"* honoring **Women Champions for Justice**. The event is in the Beverly Thomas Social Hall. The tickets are **\$35.00**.
- **Sunday, May 17th is Women's Day** the theme is *"The Strength of A Christian Woman,"* the Scripture is Proverbs 31:25. The speaker is Dr. Elbernita "Twinkie" Clark. All are asked to rock a touch of purple to the Women's Day Worship Service. The Co-Chairs are Sis. Brenda Burnley and Sis. Sharolyn Woods.
- **Tuesday, May 19th – Thursday, May 21st** is the **Minister's Retreat at Camp Baber**.
- **Sunday, May 31st at 10:00am** is the **Stewardess Appreciation Worship Service**. The Guest Speaker is Lady Anita Lemmons, South District Consultant, Michigan Annual Conference.
- **Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30pm** – Trustee Zoom Meeting via Zoom.
- Do not forget about the **B.E.L.I.E.V.E. in Ebenezer and Ebenezer Cares Stewardship Campaigns**. Give back to God and His church Ebenezer. As a cheerful giver, your contribution is tax-deductible. See a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission after church for more information.
- Please fill out an updated membership contact form for our business records.
- **Cover Photo:** Saluting Mothers on this Day. Picture of Virginia Hickman Adams, mother of Beverly Thomas.
- **Thought for the Week:** May the Love you show each day be real, and authentic as God shows to you in every way to every person.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS AND WOMEN

ALTAR CALL

"Something Within"

Rev. Vickie Gray

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
Sis. Ida Armour and Family
Sis. Stephanie Darby and Family
Bro. Heyward Dortch and Family
Sis. Willamina Forrest
Sis. Sharon and Bro. John Greene
and Family
Sis. Sandra Morrison
Sis. Tina Dawkins and Family
The Spencer Family

The Crawford Family
Sis. Anita Giles and Family
The Melvin Family
The Morgan Family
The Robinson Family
Rev. Jerry Hatter and Family

Dr. Dennis Laffoon
Bro. Kenneth Jackson
The Sudduth Family

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Rev. Vickie Gray

OFFERTORY SELECTION

"O Give Thanks Unto the Lord for He is Good"

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"All Things Come of Thee"

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

SERMONIC HYMN AMECH #361

Rev. Vickie Gray

"Yes, God Is Real," by Kenneth Moore

1 There are some things, I may not know, There are some
Places I can't go, But I am sure of this one
thing That God is real for I can feel Him deep within

[Refrain]

Yes, God is real, real in my soul, Yes, God is real for He has
washed and made me whole; His love for me is like pure
gold. Yes, God is real for I can feel Him in my soul.

2 Some folk may doubt, some folk may scorn, All can desert
And leave me alone But as for me I'll take God's
part For God is real and I can feel Him in my heart.

[Refrain]

3 I cannot tell just how you felt When Jesus
took your sins away, But since that day, yes, since that
hour God has been for I can feel His holy power

[Refrain]

SERMON

"Worth the Wait"

Pastor Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"Through It All," by Andrae` Crouch

1 I've had many tears and sorrows I've had questions for tomorrow There's been
times I didn't know right from wrong But in every situation, God gave me
blessed consolation That my trials came to only make me strong

[Refrain]

**Through it all, Through it all I've learned to trust in Jesus I've learned to trust
in God Let me tell you that Through it all, oh Through it all I've learned to
depend upon His Word**

2 I've been to lots of places I've seen a lot of faces But there were times that I
felt so all alone But in my lonely hours Yes, those precious lonely hours Jesus
lets me know that I was His own That's the reason I say

[Refrain]

3 So I thank God for the mountains, And I thank Him for the valleys, And I thank
Him for the storms He's brought me through For if I'd ever had a problem, I'd
never know that God could solve them I'd never know what faith in God could
do That's the reason I say that

[Refrain]

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

"Let the Church Say Amen"