

4. Jesus is the Light in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Jesus is the Light in my Father's house where there's joy, joy, joy!

5. All is peace and love in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
All is peace and love in my Father's house where there's joy, joy, joy!

6. We shall praise the Lord in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house,
We shall praise the Lord in my Father's house where there's joy, joy, joy!

† **CLOSING PRAYER (responsively)**

Lay Reader: God, whose love for us is greater than that of any parent, longs to share love through all who would serve as human parents of faith. As you go, may God's love live in you, may the grace of Christ surround you, and may the Spirit nurture you to nurture others.

People: Amen.

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION** **"Spirit Song"** - **Chancel Choir**

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

† **POSTLUDE** **"O the Deep Love of Jesus"** - **Dana Moody**



Today's service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Brenda Swoope in honor of Rachel Friedel for her birthday and Mother's Day, and to all moms everywhere.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Brenda Swoope in honor of Rachel Friedel for her birthday.



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Mother's Day



Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms.

[†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

PRELUDE **"Let My Words Be Few"** - **Dana Moody**

THE MORNING WELCOME - **Dr. Tim Hazlett**

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Leah, Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Lydia, Eunice and Lois. 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.

† **OPENING HYMN** **"How Can We Name a Love"** **#111**

1. How can we name a Love that awakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.
2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parent's names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.
3. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,

our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.

Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

A Litany for Mother's Day (responsively)

Lay Reader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

People: **Thank God for mothers!**

Pastor: *Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.*

People: **Thank God for my mother!**

Lay Reader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

People: **Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Pastor: *For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.*

People: **Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Lay Reader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

People: **Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Pastor: *For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.*

People: **Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Lay Reader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

People: **Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Pastor: *For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.*

People: **Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

All: **We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. We pray this prayer and all our prayers in the name of the one who taught us to pray...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Let Our Love for Jesus Be Our Song" - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 2:41-52 (MSG)

⁴¹⁻⁴⁵ Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰ He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what he was talking about.

⁵¹⁻⁵² So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

THE SUNG RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING "In His Time"

In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way, that you do what just you say in your time.

SERMON "In Our Father's House" - Dr. Tim Hazlett

†HYMN OF RESPONSE "In My Father's House"

1. Come and go with me to my Father's house,
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Come and go with me to my Father's house where there's joy, joy, joy!
2. It's not very far to my Father's house,
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.
It's not very far to my Father's house where there's joy, joy, joy!
3. Jesus is the way to my Father's house,
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Jesus is the way to my Father's house where there's joy, joy, joy!

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