

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Prelude *The Gift of Love* Hopson/Carter

Welcome / Announcements

(Please take a moment to register your attendance on the attendance registration pad found at the end of each pew.)

Passing of the Peace

Chorus *Alleluia, Alleluia*

* Opening Prayer

Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.

As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.

Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* Hymn # 643, UMH

When Love Is Found

Children's Message

Marian Long

A Litany for Mother's Day

Responsive Reading

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

People: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

People: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: 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.

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

People: Thank God for the mothers of today.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 58: 6 - 9** Pew Bible OT page 688

A Statement of Faith # 883, UMH from The United Church of Canada

Hymn # 441, UMH *What Does the Lord Require*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Happy the Home When God Is There* H. Hopson

* Doxology # 95, UMH

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer # 895, UMH

Anthem *With All My Heart* B. Mason

* Gospel Reading **Luke 4: 14 - 21** Pew Bible NT page 61
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Sermon **Called to Change History** Rev. Dr. Nora Colmenares

* Hymn # 419, UMH *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Benediction

Postlude *For All the Faithful Women* C.E. Walz

Mother's Day Proclamation - 1870

Arise then ... women of this day!
Arise, all women who have hearts!
Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!
Say firmly:
"We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies, Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage,
For caresses and applause.
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.
We, the women of one country,
Will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the voice of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with
Our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm!
The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."
Blood does not wipe our dishonor,
Nor violence indicate possession.
As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil
At the summons of war,
Let women now leave all that may be left of home
For a great and earnest day of counsel.
Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.
Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means
Whereby the great human family can live in peace...
Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar,
But of God —
In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality,
May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient
And the earliest period consistent with its objects,
To promote the alliance of the different nationalities,
The amicable settlement of international questions,
The great and general interests of peace.

Mother's Day Prayer

This day we gather with eager hearts, hungry for your Word, yearning for the joy you promise in love. O God, together we hold a vision of your kingdom, a people of prayer and open hearts, a loving Body of Christ eager to learn and eager to share. You bless us, O God, and shine upon us with the mercy of your salvation. And your Good Earth has yielded its increase through those who have brought us great blessing.

On this day of celebrating your love, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers. May your blessing pour out upon the woman who gave us birth, and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.

We praise you, O God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. Where we have been so blessed, we give our grateful praise, for you have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children.

We call forth your compassion upon every mother who has unknowingly caused pain and suffering. And, so we lift to you our mothers, so imperfect, also so wounded by this world.

We bless our mothers this day, no matter what they have done or left undone. We do this because we believe in your healing, and we believe in your love and we believe that you love every mother, good or bad; and we stand together with all mothers in solidarity, for we all are in need of your grace. Where we have failed because we did not know better, help us to forgive ourselves. Where we have seen your face in any woman who has been to us a mother, in her face we have seen your light and your love and we give thanks -- for where they have loved, they have kept your word and blessed us.

We lift to you the heart of every mother who has watched her child die of hunger, every mother who had been a victim of abuse, every woman who stands in protest against a world that massacres her children and renames them "collateral damage." We lift to you the prayer of every mother who has ever loved and lost.

We lift to you our Mother Earth. We lift to you our Mother Church. We lift to you, O God, your mother's heart; and although we cannot fully express our gratitude, help each one of us to be your blessing of love, a blessing straight from your heart. Amen.



“Happy Birthday” wishes are extended this week to -

Bill Breuer May 15
Larry Clayton May 19
Montague McPherson May 19

Please remember in your prayers ...

Bob Durfield (vision problems); Mildred Lambert; Emily Meyer; Ed Picard; Patsy Madariaga; Nancy Monaga; those who have lost loved ones and close friends; members of our Armed Forces; Our Church, Our Missionaries, Our Nation and Our World

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Mrs. Betty Adams and Family in the passing of her husband Gene on Monday, May 7th. Mrs. Adams was a frequent visitor to our church before moving to North Carolina. If you would like to express your condolences, her address is 55 Piney Mountain Drive, Apt. 210, Asheville, NC 28805.

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Scripture Readings for next Sunday, May 20th, Pentecost Sunday:

Acts 2: 1 - 21; Psalm 104; Romans 8: 22 - 27; John 15: 26 - 27, 16: 4b - 15

Pentecost is the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension. It is held on the seventh Sunday after Easter. We would like for everyone to wear something red - shirt or blouse, tie, etc. - when coming to worship on Pentecost Sunday.

At the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, May 20th, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday with the Rev. Sam McBrantney preaching. Rev. McBrantney, originally from Ireland, is a Methodist minister serving in England. He is noted for his ministry on justice, peace, and reconciliation. He is in Atlanta as a contributor to Reconciliation and Cross-Cultural Partners at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

The APUMC **Mission Project for May** is the collection of new white socks that will be contributed to homeless veterans and women and children. Collection boxes are located in the sanctuary hallway and in the back hallway near the church library. **Deadline: Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 27th.** Thank you for your participation!



The United Methodist Women would like to thank all those who contributed items for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Hygiene (formerly Health) Kits. The kits will be assembled at the monthly meeting of WSG (a UMW subgroup) and then taken to North Georgia Annual Conference next month. If you would like to help assemble the kits, please join with members of WSG at their monthly meeting tomorrow, Monday, May 14th. The group meets at 7 p.m. in The Gathering Place.

The Prayer Bead Group will meet this Thursday, May 17th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The group meets in The Gathering Place; they will be using the book, “ABC Mustard Seed Devotionals”, by Ms. Jackie Thrasher as the devotional.



Items needed to help stock the **Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministries (DEAM)** for the month of **May** are:

- Potatoes (can or dry)
- Rice
- Baked Beans
- Canned Tomatoes / Fruit
- Canned Tuna / Canned Meat
- Soup
- Crackers / Cookies
- Peanut Butter / Jelly
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Detergent

*It is wonderful to have each
and everyone here today.
If you like what you see, invite
a friend next time!*

Visitors - Because we would like to greet you this morning and remain in touch with you, we ask that you please complete the Visitor Card found in the pew rack. You may place the completed card in the collection plate or hand it to one of our ushers.

Restrooms are located behind the sanctuary. Exit to the right, continue down the hall and follow the signs.

Nursery: The nursery is located adjacent to the sanctuary in the house known as "The Gathering Place". An usher will be happy to escort you and your child to the nursery.

Devices for the Hearing Impaired and Large-type Editions of the United Methodist Hymnal are available. Please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

How to Use This Bulletin:

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- UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Pew Managers for May:

Worship Committee

Sanctuary Lock-Up Duty for May:

Bob Mason

Videographer Jason Merchant

This Week @ APUMC

Today, Sunday, May 13th

**Seventh Sunday after Easter
Mother's Day**

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am - Worship Service / Guest
Preacher Rev. Dr. Nora
Colmenares

Monday, May 14th

8:45 am - Exercise for Seniors (The
Gathering Place - GP)
7:00 pm - WSG (UMW subgroup) (GP)

Tuesday, May 15th

4:30 pm - Afternoon Bible Study (GP)

Wednesday, May 16th

8:00 am - Walking Club (Lake Avondale)
6:30 pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 17th

8:45 am - Exercise for Seniors (GP)
6:30 pm - Prayer Bead Group (GP)

Sunday, May 20th

**Day of Pentecost
Wear Red!**

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am - Worship Service / Guest
Preacher Rev. Sam McBrantney
12:15 pm - Missions W.A. Meeting (GP)
2:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop # 3647
Meeting (The Fellowship Hall - FH)

Church Office Hours

9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Monday - Thursday
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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

Sue Hauptert-Johnson, *Bishop*
Quincy Brown, *District Superintendent*
Frank Windom, *Pastor*

MaryLynn Darden, *Accompanist / Choir Director*
Kathleen Mason, *Infant & Toddler Ministry*
Mary Mathis, *Office Manager*

