



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Her children rise up and call her blessed...

Proverbs 31:28

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Prelude

"How Beautiful"

Twila Paris

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor Alecia

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord who gathers us at this time in history.

P: We gather to praise God and to give thanks for all Women.

L: We come to celebrate mothers with children and those without children.

P: We gather to rejoice because mothers are blessings from God.

L: People of Fisk UMC, let us celebrate all women in all places, and all the time.

P: We gather today to celebrate all women and to give God thanks.

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Vs. 1 & 4

UMH 89

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alecia

Nurturing God, we gather to give you thanks and praise as we worship this morning. Thank you, God for filling women's hearts with love and having them in your circle of love. We ask for your forgiveness with blessings on each woman of this earth. But we do not forget those special mothers, who feed, protect, nurture, and teach your little ones the way of life. Guide all women to be all that

God wants them to be, as you give them strength, wisdom, patience, and the faith that endures all. In the precious and powerful name of Jesus Christ, the redeemed one, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

Dwayne Stanley

Children's Time

Deborah Hernandez

Gospel Reading

John 15: 9-17

Gary Hoyt

Sermon

"Women in our Midst"

Pastor Alecia

Prayers & Concerns & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Special Musical Gift

Dwayne Stanley

Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Nurturing God, we offer our gifts with thanksgiving and praises. May these gifts be accepted and blessed with all that we are and all that we have. May we also rejoice as we share our gifts with others and with thanksgiving for Jesus Christ, the redeemed one, Amen.

Fisk Announcements & Highlights

Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Vs. 1 & 4

UMH 557

Benediction

Please join us for "Fellowship of Love Time"
after the service on Zoom.



Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 31:10-31 (NIV)

¹⁰A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

¹¹Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

¹²She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.

¹⁴She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.

¹⁵She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.

¹⁸She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.

¹⁹In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

²⁰She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.

²¹When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

²²She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.

²⁵She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.

²⁶She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

²⁷She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."

³⁰Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

³¹Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

GOSPEL READING

John 15: 9-17 (NIV)

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Hymn **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Happy Mother’s Day, to all our special women at Fisk UMC where God is always present. Hope your children and all the others that you have nurtured, loved, protected, and cared for over the years, know how special you are because I do. Hugs and kisses with much love and blessings on this day, Mother’s Day.

† *Pastor Alecia*

