

Motherly Faith

Mother's Day brings to mind many mothers in the Bible, but the most famous was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary had been raised in a devout Jewish family, thus obeying God was her duty. Mary's only question was: "How can that be, since I am a virgin?" After Gabriel explained, her answer was: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

As soon as Mary heard that her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant too, she went for a visit. Mary's own upbringing coupled with Elizabeth's guidance enabled Mary to obey God and get through the difficult months and years ahead.

Mother's Day also reminds us of our own mothers and their influence. I grew up in a military area—Hampton, Virginia. I was friends with many Army and Air Force "brats," who often had a tough home life and claimed no religious affiliation. Sometimes I brought one of these unusual girls home to spend the weekend. Mama made sure they went to church with us, no questions. We'd even find them something to wear. As a teenager, I often felt that Mama just did not understand when she set such rules.

Mama went to church almost every time the doors were open. She was secretary of her Sunday school class, and carefully read the weekly lesson with the associated Bible passages. And she expected me to do the same. Mama gave me a great legacy of strength in character, faith, and responsibility. Some of these things I learned from her weaknesses, some from her strictness, others through family stories, and still others by her example. Although I had often wished for a different mother, I now realize that I received just the mother I needed.

What is your mother story? Did you have a faithful example? Or is there a woman, not your biological mother, who had a great influence on you? Remember these stories today and give thanks.

—Judy Hollandsworth, chaplain
Shawnee Mission Medical Center
Overland Park, Kansas

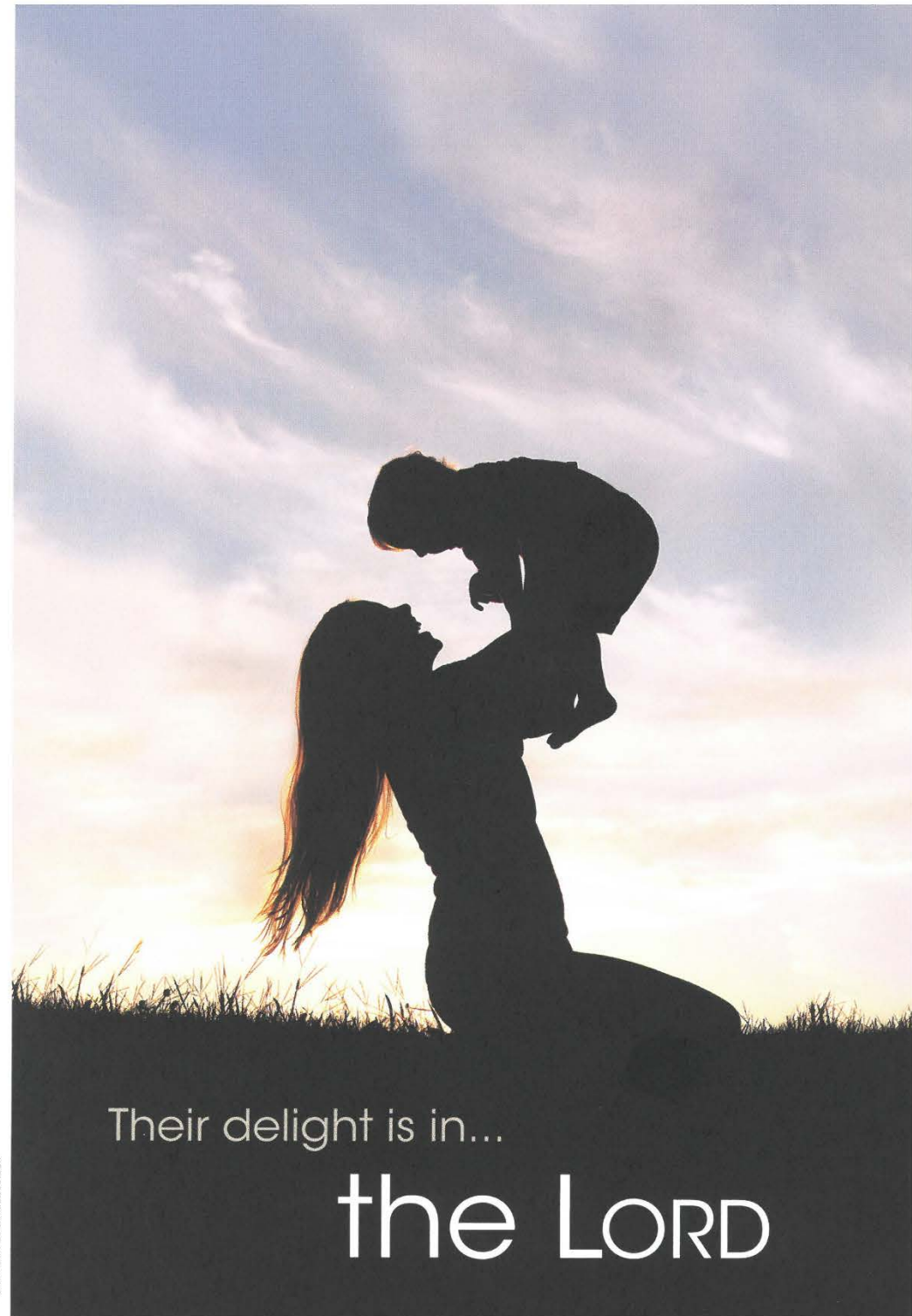
Text for today: "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but *their delight is in the law of the LORD*, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper" (Psalm 1:1-3, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1 (2); 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

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Their delight is in...

the LORD

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship May 13, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDES (11:00) A Child of the King with I'd Rather have Jesus
John B. Sumner, arr. Marilyn Ham
Children's Medley *arr. Marilyn Ham*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshiping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN** *Candle Lights* Insert & Screen
Lighting our Worship Candles

INVOCATION PRAYER ~Inspired by Psalm 107:1-9

PROCLAIMING

SINGING WITH BRENT (8:30)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEMS (11:00)

Cherub Choir and YOrff
The Bells *Grace C. Nash*

Cherub Choir
Praise Him, Praise Him *arr. Tom Fettke*

Combined Choirs with YOrff
All Night, All Day *arr. Lyndell Letherman*

MOMENTS FOR MISSION Jeanie Eye

Teacher Appreciation
Presentation of Bibles (11:00)

Sara Aron, Jasmine Keplinger, Ryan Mutherspaw, Tristan Zepp

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Mark Dowdy & the Puppets
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.
"Cousin Dilly and the Baking Caper" by Mark Dowdy
Puppeteers: Lilly Day-Miller, Andie Neher,
Eliana Teshome, Glenda Reitze, and Shylah Zepp

CAROL CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00) Get on Board, Little Children
African American Spiritual, arr. *Greg Gilpin*

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:28-4:7 *NRSV*

***HYMN** *In Christ there is no East or West* Insert & Screen

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Steve Longenecker
...a time for reflection & conversation.

HOMILY *"In Christ"* Chris Zepp

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SOLO Hold Me, Mother Curtis Nolley

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory (8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

YOrff Offertory (11:00) Jamaica Jazz Brent Holl & Caleb Bailey
Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

***HYMN** *The Offering Song* Insert & Screen

***SENDING BLESSING**

***CAROL CHOIR BENEDICTION** (11:00) German Folk Song
Taking our "Candle Lights" into the world

POSTLUDE (11:00) In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)
Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty, arr. Marilyn Ham

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

May 13-19, 2018 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Mon.	5:00	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
Tues.	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	2:00	Book Study	Lounge
	7:00	Board of Administration	Seekers Room
Thurs.	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.-Sat.		Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Auction and Sale	Rockingham Co. Fair Grounds
Sat.		Youth Trip to Harpers Ferry	

NEXT SUNDAY – May 20, 2018 – *Day of Pentecost*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Senior High Youth Sunday: Worship will be planned and led by our Senior High Youth.

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Office Receptionist Area

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Red Cross Blood Drive – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Social Hall

DISASTER MINISTRIES AUCTION

The Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Auction and Sale will be held at the fairgrounds this Friday & Saturday, May 18-19. More details can be found in the Disaster Relief Auction Booklets and brochures available from the literature rack and the hospitality desk; or for more information contact Doris Harsh at 828-6547.

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Karissa Hunt – Interim Financial Secretary

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

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Kathleen Arndt – Child Care Center Administrator

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Jim Benedict – Bell Choir Director

Jeanie Eye – Christian Education Director

Mary Beth Flory – Pianist

Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Fellowship Host – Teshome Molalenge

Pianist (8:30) – Ann Daggett

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Alice Lee Hopkins

Van Driver – Teshome Molalenge

AN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER is needed for the church library. Please contact Eleanor Bowman if you can help with this need.

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 5/6/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 20 11:00 – 242 Sunday School: 146

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$25,552.87
Loose Offering	1,133.00
Roof Repair	1.39
Church User Fees	100.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscription	14.50
Wednesday Night Meals	361.00
Youth Programs	100.00
Backpack Program	250.00
EYN Compassion Fund	100.00
Jesse Robertson Memorial Fund	100.00
Anna Mae Will Memorial Fund	550.00

CHILDREN LEADING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters

Ellie Dalrymple, Lily Diehl, Shelby Eye, Chloe Kiracofe, Evan Kiracofe, Abby Nelson, Amani Overman, Shaley Propst

Offering Ushers

Grady Bair, Bryce Driver, Malachi Houff, Francis Kasten

Readers

Sara Aron, Cooper Bair, Rowan Bair, Gabe Carr, Bryce Driver, Brett Eye, Mikah Overman, Brycen Propst, Olivia Puffenbarger, Sofia Teshome

Cherub Choir

Grady Bair, Ellie Dalrymple, Lily Diehl, Abby Nelson, Amani Overman, Shaley Propst

Carol Choir

Cooper Bair, Rowan Bair, Tanner Bowen, Bryce Driver, Brett Eye, Shelby Eye, Malachi Houff, Francis Kasten, Chloe Kiracofe, Brycen Propst, Electa Tasillo-McLaughlin, Tristan Zepp

YOrff

Sara Aron, Cooper Bair, Lilly Day-Miller, Brett Eye, Andie Neher, Brycen Propst, Eliana Teshome, Sofia Teshome, Tristan Zepp

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

Original text by John Oxenham; Custom verses by Chris Zepp
music by Joel & Melissa Littlepage; arr. by Brent Holl

In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no North or South,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts eve'rywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind

(Refrain)

Join hands, then children of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Whoever serves God as a child
Is surely kin to me!

In Christ, we all are called his friends
Abiding in his love!
We bear the fruits of love and joy
Which come from God above.

In Christ we all are welcome here,
His gracious love to share,
We have a place here with our friends,
Who come from everywhere.

(Refrain)

Join hands, then children of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Whoever serves God as a child
Is surely kin to me!

THANK YOU

We are grateful to all teachers, assistants, child care providers, librarians, substitutes, Children's Worship planners & assistants, Sunday School Committee members and Commission members who have worked in our Christian Education program for the 2017-18 school year. Each of you is a blessing to our church and we greatly appreciate you!

Linda Alley	Rick Fawley	Ben Neher
Mary Ann Angleberger	Kathleen Gardner	Carl Nelson
Mac Bair	Janna Glendye	Elizabeth Nelson
Melanie Bair	Mandi Glendye	Jean Petre
Eric Barkey	Christy Hartman	Brianna Propst
Heather Barkey	Brent Holl	Julie Propst
Eleanor Bowman	Alice Lee Hopkins	Shannon Puffenbarger
Sylvia Bowman	Jesse Hopkins	Sarah Rees
Wendy Carr	Jill Horn	Gladys Remnant
Julia Stutzman Coronado	Marianne Houff	Clarke Staton
June Craun	Elaine Huffman	Hope Staton
Erin Dalrymple	Bart Kasten	Dwynn Stovall
Lilly Day-Miller	Jennifer Kasten	Tony Stovall
Alan Diehl	Heather Kiracofe	Kajsa Svarfvar
Julie Diehl	Tim Kreps	Eliana Teshome
Mark Dowdy	Lori Lineweaver	Sofia Teshome
Heather Driver	Peggy Lineweaver	Roma Jo Thompson
Jeremy Driver	Ada Longenecker	Jeannie Turner
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Laura Evick	Claire Martindale	Steve Watson
Madison Evick	Donna Miller	Claire Wayman
Erin Eye	Andrea Miracle	Karen Wyrick
Jeanie Eye	Bill Miracle	Amanda Zepp
Josh Eye	Jeanne Neff	Chris Zepp
Janean Fawley	Andie Neher	Shylah Zepp

A gift of appreciation for each of you may be
picked up from the Greeting Hall.

THE BELLS: Grace C. Nash

Church bells are ringing, church bells are ringing.
Listen, listen. Church bells are ringing softly, softly. Hear them.
Calling to worship, calling to worship.
Listen, listen. Calling to worship, ringing softly. Hear them.
God's voice is calling, God's voice is calling.
Listen, listen. God's voice is calling, calling softly. Hear Him.

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM: Unknown

Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love. *(Repeat)*
Love Him, love Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love. *(Repeat)*
Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love. *(Repeat)*

ALL NIGHT, ALL DAY: Ken Bible and Traditional

The sun is setting in the west; Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
I close my eyes and gently rest; Angels watchin' over me.

Refrain: All night, all day, Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
All night, all day, Angels watchin' over me.

Your love stays with me thro' the night; Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
You wake me with the morning light; Angels watchin' over me.

I rise to start a brand new day; Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
And all the while I work or pray; Angels watchin' over me.

GET ON BOARD, LITTLE CHILDREN: African American Spiritual

The gospel train's a-comin', hear it just at hand,
I hear the wheels rumblin' and rollin' through the land.

Refrain: Get on board, little children. Get on board little children.
Get on board, little children. There's room for many-a more! *(Repeat)*

I hear that train a comin', she's coming' round the curve.
She's loosened all her steam and breaks and strainin' ev'ry nerve.
The fare is cheap and all can go. The rich and poor are there.
No second class aboard this train, no diff'rence in the fare.

(Refrain repeats)

Rumble, rumble, clickety, clickety, rumble, rumble, clickety, clickety,
Rumble, rumble, clickety, cleckety, room for many-a more! Whoosh!

HOLD ME, MOTHER: Curtis Nolley

Hold me mother, hold me close,
Tell the stories I love most.
Stories of God's love and care,
Like the love you always share.
Hold me mother, hold me close.
Hold me close.

Gently, mother, lead me on,
Help me see the path God's shown.
Share God's light for all to see.
Child of God, help me to be.
Gently, mother, lead me on .
Lead me on.

Mother waits so patiently
For the wandering child to see.
Steadfast love beyond compare,
Like God's love she's always there.
Mother waits so patiently,
So patiently.

Hold me mother, Hold me close.
Tell the stories I love most.
Gently, mother, lead me on.
Help me see the path God's shown.
Mother waits so patiently.
Hold me close.

CHORAL BENEDICTION: German Folk Song, based on Heb. 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace be with you all.
Give to you ev'ry good that you may do his will.
To Christ be glory forever, Amen!

CANDLE LIGHTS

BRENT HOLL

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The Offering Song

Brent Holl

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We give thee thanks, _____ We give thee thanks _____

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We give thee thanks _____ for all we have! _____

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Praise and Thanks - giv - ing _____

13

Praise _____ God a - bove! _____

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Shar - ing, count-ing our bles-sings, car - ing one for an-oth - er

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All _____ we have we give to you. _____

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All _____ we have we give to you. _____