

Mother's Day, May 10, 2020
Willerup United Methodist Church
Order of Worship and Notes
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Welcome to Willerup Worship on the Web!

Today's Worship includes:

Praise Band

This is Amazing Grace

Your Grace is Enough

Sermon - Honor Your Mother (notes below)

Hymn - Power in the Blood, verses 1&2

(music and lyrics available at willerupumc.org, or found as #10
in *Melodies of Praise*, Willerup's "old white" hymnal)

Sermon: Honor Your Mother
Exodus 20:12

Today we remember and honor our mothers. I believe you must have called her, sent cards/flowers/money etc., or remembered her contribution in your lives.

Honor thy father and thy mother. It is the command which is repeated by Paul in writing to the Ephesians in 6:2.

How do you honor a person? We go through their life, achievements, and services rendered, and then we evaluate it correctly, and award that person by recognizing them publicly.

Let us meditate on how we can honor our mother.

1. Mothers have genuine and sincere faith.

A. Mary, the mother of our Lord.

Luke talks about her character and attitude to be chosen to become a blessed person. She was sincere and **pondered everything** which she experienced in her motherhood. She kept everything in her heart.

(i). When she conceived, the angel Gabriel announced it to her, “Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God” She was further blessed that this child is special. Luke 1:28-35

“He will be called the Son of the Most High. He will receive the throne of David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever.” The name of her son, JESUS, was also announced.

(ii). When the child was presented in the temple of the Lord, Simeon took the child and said, “...*My eyes have seen your salvation...*” Luke 2:30. The child’s parents **marveled** at what was said.

(iii). Mary the mother of Jesus, and other women, were at the cross when Jesus was crucified. John 19:25

B. Timothy's mother and grandmother had sincere faith.

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 1:5, “*I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois, and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*”

Here, mother and grandmother followed the scriptures where it was commanded by the Lord God. Deuteronomy 4:9-10. “*Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, ‘Assemble the people before me to hear my words, so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land, and may teach them to their children.’”*

Lois and Eunice followed this and Paul is honoring this mother and grandmother for their sincere faith.

C. In our United Methodist Hymnal, in the baptism service, pg 34 the question is asked:

The Pastor addresses parents or other sponsors of candidates not able to answer for themselves:

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example, they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The responsibility is laid on the parents/ sponsors to teach them sincere faith.

D. The mother Naomi who impacted her daughters-in-law, when her two sons died, and she offered her daughters-in-law the option to go back to their homes. Ruth 1:11

Ruth when given the option to go to her house she refused and said,
Ruth 1:16-17

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

Naomi as a mother was honored by Ruth. Rahab's son Boaz married Ruth and had a son, Obed the grandfather of David. Jesus has come through this lineage. Matthew 1:5-6 through 16

2. Mothers have a servant spirit. Proverbs 31:10-31

We can find numerous traits or gifts in the woman of character, which we also find in our mothers.

- far above rubies (10)
- toward husband - not a threat or competition (11-12)
- delights in serving the family (13-15)
- health (17)
- industrious (18-19)

- compassionate to the poor and needy (20)
- clothing (21-23)
- finances (24)
- strength and dignity and happy nature (25)
- intelligent and diligent (26)
- not idle (27)
- family honor her (28-30)
- greatly to be rewarded and deserve honor (31)

A. Nalini and myself remember our mothers for their godly character and sincere faith. Nalini's mother was a teacher, spouse of a pastor, godly and gracious, who always honored God and the extended family.

My mother was bed-ridden for 24 years, yet raised and nurtured us in Christian faith.

Today we thank God that both sides of our family, their children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are in faith and many of us are serving the Lord in full time ministry.

B. Let each of us think of our own mothers, who carried us in her womb for 40 weeks, we are part of her own blood. She went through the struggle and pain of childbirth in order to give us life. She sacrificed in order to take care of us, nursing us, feeding us, teaching us how to walk and how to speak. She continued to think about us even when we have grown and married and become something of worth. How can we say that we are a "self-made" man or woman? David remembered this in his Psalm 139:13-16

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

"Listen to your Father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old." Proverbs 23:22

As a Pastor for 45 years I have had so many experiences when mothers await for their children to visit them. Bring flowers when they are alive, what is the use of bringing flowers on her graveside. Many times at the Nursing Home I watched mothers waiting for their son and daughter to visit. They cherish their children's and grandchildren's memories. They go through photo albums and remember the old days, but are disappointed and cry within.

Please honor your mother (and father) and receive the additional blessings - **so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.**

Please join us now in a hymn. Sing (or read aloud) as it is played for us.
Power in the Blood, verses 1&2

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1. Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

2. Would you be free from your passion and pride
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb