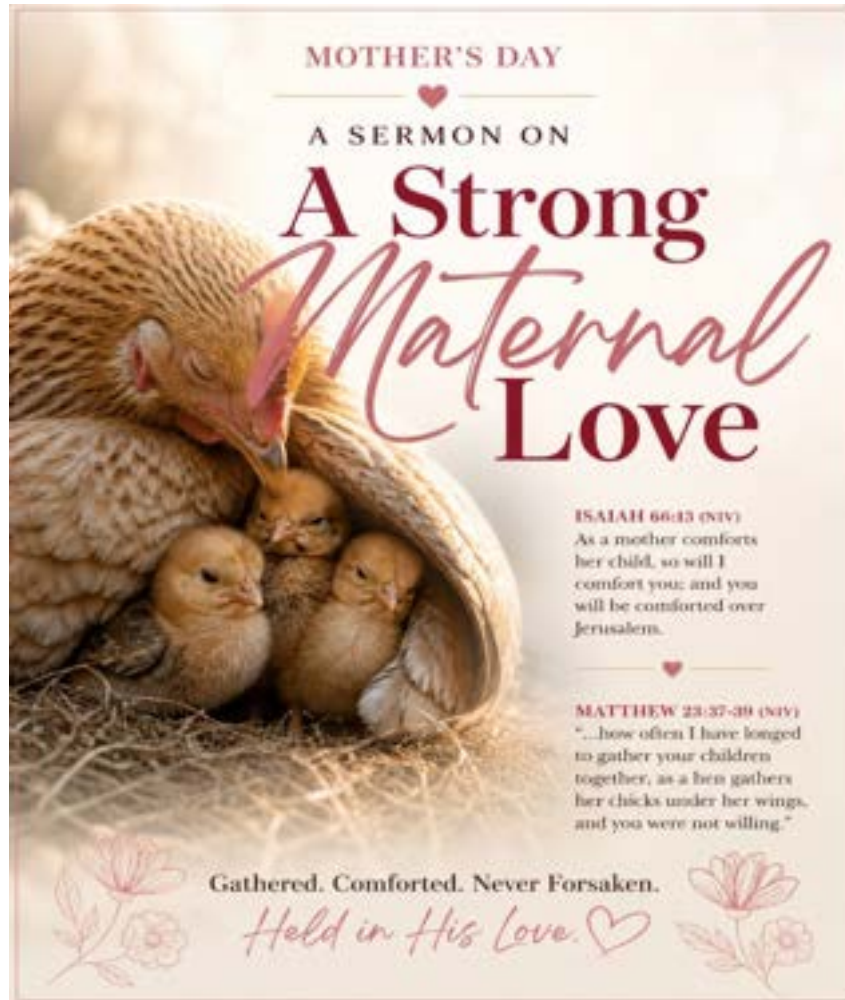


Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



MOTHER'S DAY

A SERMON ON

A Strong Maternal Love

ISAIAH 66:13 (NIV)
As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.

MATTHEW 23:37-39 (NIV)
"...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."

Gathered. Comforted. Never Forsaken.
Held in His Love. ♥

May 10, 2026

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Sanctuary Service

Liturgist: Gary Wilkes

Ushers: Leighton Timm, Greg Carlson, Morey Dambekaln, Sabrina Kahler

Acolytes : Peirson Sommers and Millie Germana

Altar Flowers: Given by Bonnie Lil

Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

Prelude "In Heavenly Love Abiding" arr. Rodriguez

Special Music "Into My Heart" Clarke
Children's Choir, Laura Hohl, Director

Pastoral Greeting **Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

*** Call to Worship**

As a mother comforts her child,

So God comes near to comfort us.

When we are scattered, anxious, or afraid,

God longs to gather us in.

Like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,

God calls us to come close and be held.

We come—not because we have it all together,

But because we are loved.

All: Let us worship the God who gathers and comforts us.

***Hymn 2051** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

*** Opening Prayer:**

Loving God, you draw near to us with tenderness and care. Like a mother who comforts her child, you hold us in our joy and in our pain. When we wander, you call us back. When we are weary, you invite us to rest. When we are afraid, you gather us in your love. Open our hearts this day, that we may trust your presence, receive your comfort, and rest in your embrace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Special Music 3104 "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
4:12 Singers, Claire Heinen, Maddie Froh, Chloe Grimm, with Congregation

Special Music 593

“Here I Am, Lord”
4:12 Singers with Congregation

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 66:13 (NIV)
Matthew 23:37-39 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 2193 (sung 2x) “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Sermon “A Strong Maternal Love” **Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music “You Cannot Lose My Love” Groves

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***Doxology #94** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, you have gathered us in and cared for us with steadfast love. Everything we have is a gift from your hand. As we offer these gifts, receive them as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to extend your comfort to those who are hurting, your shelter to those who feel alone, and your love to a world in need. May our giving reflect your generous heart. In your name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 445 “Happy the Home When God is There”

Prayers of the People

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.

***Hymn 710**

“Faith of Our Mothers”

SENDING FORTH

***Benediction**

Go now, held in the love of God,

We go, comforted and renewed.

When life feels overwhelming, remember:

God gathers us in and holds us close.

When you encounter others in need,

May we reflect God’s tender care.

Go into the world with courage and compassion,

Sharing the love that never lets us go.

And may the God who comforts like a mother, and the Christ who longs to gather us in, be with you now and always.

Amen.

*The worship is over,
Let the service begin!*

Postlude

“Shout to the North”

Smith arr. Tornquist

All are Welcome!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ’s call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

We believe we can all love alike, even if we don’t think alike.

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!