

The Motherhood of God

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As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you ([Isaiah 66:13](#)).

In these homely words we have one of the sweetest and tenderest pictures of the character of God. And that revelation is not in the New Testament, but in the Old! In the New Testament, Jesus teaches us to think of God as our Father. But here in the Old Testament, God is likened unto a comforting mother.

The Jews have a sweet saying to the effect that "God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers." And this is true, for a loving mother is God's tenderest image in humanity.

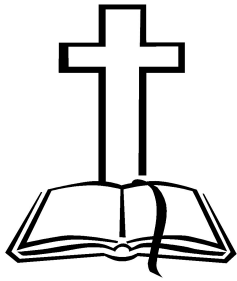
Mother love on earth, however, is but a pale reflection of the feeling within the heart of God, as with unflinching tenderness He comforts the weary, wounded spirit of His child.

God combines in Himself all the virtues of a perfect character. The best are usually lacking in one or more graces. God possesses them all. Manly virtues and womanly graces meet in Him. All that is best, holiest, sweetest, and most gracious in a noble man, and also in pure-hearted women, can be found in the Lord, who is the source of all. Male and female created He them in His image, and the characteristic feature of both are resident in His loving heart. He fuses together in His own Person the strong, protective love of the man, and the patient, tender, brooding, comforting, sacrificial love of the woman. John Oxenham expresses this beautifully in his *The Father-Motherhood*:

Father and mother, Thou
In Thy full being art—
Justice with mercy intertwined,
Judgment exact with love combined,
Neither complete apart.
And so we know that when
Our service is weak and vain,
The Father-justice would condemn,
The Mother-love Thy wrath will stem
And our reprieve gain.

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Sunday, May 13, 2018

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Jerry Bolar – dismissed from St. Elizabeth’s, recovering at Christie’s house</p> <p>Centennial Year of Remembrance</p> <p>May’s focus: community service</p> <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Jeff Towell May 13 Matt Greer May 19</p> 	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays 10 am ladies’ Bible study; children welcome</p> <p>June 10 6 pm Drawn by Love ladies’ meeting at 7th and Mueller; see Deanna or Pam to RSVP</p> <p>June 19-21 VBS</p> 	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of May 7-12: 19 lessons graded</p> <p>May Haiti Needs</p> <p>toothbrushes toothpaste material and notions (zippers, thread, etc.)</p> <p>Last Week’s Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 51 Sunday evening: 29 Wednesday evening: 38</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning		Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening 6:00 pm	
First Prayer	Josh Vires		First Prayer	Josh Vires
Announcements	Josh Vires		Closing Prayer	Ed Young
Second Prayer	Rudi Cagle		Lord’s Supper	Matthew Sills Ken Beach
Scripture Reading	Justin Beach		Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm	
Lord’s Supper	1. Larry Brooks 2. Peter Salley 3. Matthew Sills 4. Ken Beach		First Prayer	Larry Towell
Closing Prayer	Joel Ingram		Closing Prayer	Matthew Sills