

***Celebration of Worship
at the Reformed Church of Cortlandtown***

May 12, 2019 — 10:00 A.M.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Gather Together in God's Name

***MOTHER'S DAY LITANY**

Leader: Lord, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray for moms whose children are grown.

People: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

Leader: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

People: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

Leader: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

People: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Leader: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

People: Grant them time to share with their families.

Leader: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

People: Grant them relief and justice.

Leader: We pray for step-moms.

People: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

Leader: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

People: Grant them faith and hope.

Leader: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

People: Grant them support and insight.

Leader: We pray for moms who have lost children.

People: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

People: Grant them healing and peace.

Leader: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

People: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

Leader: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

People: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

Leader: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

People: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

God has invited us to life and yet we have chosen death. Let us confess the state of our lives to our God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.
(a moment of silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(Sung) Tune: Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 23

OT, Pg. 501

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-32

NT, Pg. 104

SHARING TIME WITH CHILDREN

***HYMN**

"Seek Ye First"

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EPISTLE READING

Acts 9:36-43

NT, pg. 128

MESSAGE

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION (Music Interlude)

We Respond to God in Joy

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (unison)

Hymnal, pg. 14

Led by liturgist

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see the Prayer Request insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Depart to Serve

***HYMN**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

See Insert

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



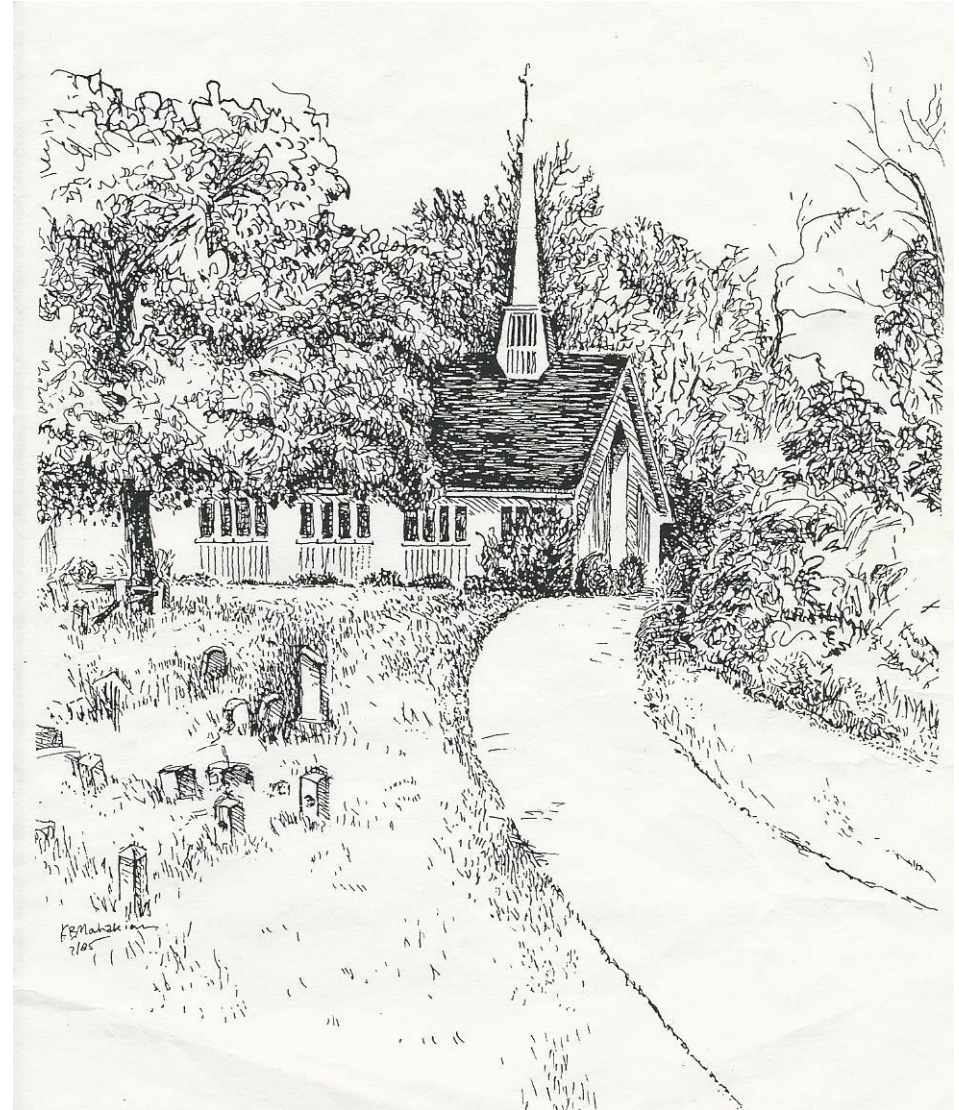
(*Indicates that those who are able may stand.)

Thanks to Those Serving Today

- Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston Davis
- Music Director..... Rick Romano
- Anthem Adult Choir
- LiturgistNorman Haight
- Children's SermonCarol Ann Scarnati
- Greeters/Stewards.....Debbie Cortes, Lyllis D'Arbeau
- Sunday School Teachers..... Harmen Bakker, Sue DeResh
-Ari Medina, Senyo Tsedze
- Nursery Lisa Wilson

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Bernice Mackey's birthday by Debbie Cortes.

The Mother's Day flowers are given in loving memory of Bea and Sel Gurdineer by Judy Hilliard.



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