

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE (The congregation in devout meditation)

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.*

People: Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Leader: *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*

All: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

(Psalms 86: 10-12; 15 NRSV)

INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

God of love, in deep appreciation, we come today to honor all mothers. As we affirm mothers of the world, we pray for their strength, their comfort, and the peace and wellness of their souls, minds and bodies. Thank you for the many women who are faithful mothers and for others who have inspired us by their motherly examples. We ask thy continued blessing upon them and upon our hearts. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Great is Thy Faithfulness".....BH#80

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: *Let us remember that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding." (Ps. 111:10)*

People: *We thank God for mothers who center their lives in Him.*

Leader: *"Whoever loves instructions loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid. (Proverbs 12:1)*

People: *We thank God for mothers who seek Him for daily wisdom.*

Leader: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight you paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

People: *We thank God for mothers who have learned to trust Him completely.*

All: *We thank God for teaching mothers how to center their lives in Him, seek Him for daily wisdom and trust Him completely. On this special day we give God thanks and praise as we honor all mothers.*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. EMMA CLARISSA CLEMENT

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....*Faith of Our Mothers*.....BH#528

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE HYMN OF INVITATION

RECESSIONAL

MISSIONARY BLESSING: *God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.*

Emma Clarissa Williams Clement

(- 1953)

Mrs. Clement was born in Providence, Rhode Island, the product of a Christian home. She married the Reverend George Clinton Clement, May 25, 1898, on the campus of Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, on their graduation day. Dr. Joseph Price performed the ceremony. The Reverend Clement was elevated to the Episcopacy in the A.M.E. Zion Church on May 19, 1916. Emma, his wife, served as his Missionary Supervisor.

Bishop and Mrs. Clement were the proud parents of seven children: Abbie (the first born), Rufus, Frederick, Ruth, George, James, and Emma. Her daughter, Abbie Clement Jackson, became a world renowned leader in religion and served as Executive Secretary (1943-1951) and General President (1955-1963) of the Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society. Rufus became one of the great educators of the century, serving for many years as President of Atlanta University and a member of the Board of Education in Atlanta, Georgia. Frederick made his contribution in the field of science. Ruth, wife of the famous James Max Bond, was a leading educator in her own right. George was deeply religious and profoundly affected by the ideals and dreams of this great family. James, the youngest son, followed in his father's footsteps and became a minister in the A.M.E. Zion Church, pastored many churches in Zion, and served honorably for many years as chaplain in the United States Army. Emma earned a doctorate and became known nationally and internationally for her service to humankind.

The Quadrennial Convention of 1959 adopted "Emma Clarissa Clement Day" to be observed annually on Mother's Day in memory of her commitment and service to the Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

References: [Pioneering Women of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church 1796-1996](#) - Dorothy Sharpe Johnson and Lula Goolsby Williams

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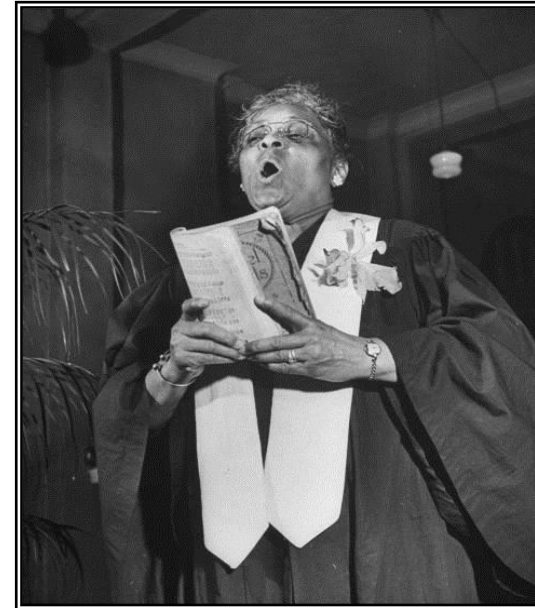
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Mother's Day Celebration

Honoring the life of

Mrs. Emma Clarissa Williams Clement

The first African American Woman to be named
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Sunday, May 10, 2015

Quadrennial Theme

**"Maximizing our Purpose: Continuing our Journey
Through Mission Education, Christian Living
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