

## Order of Worship

**ORGAN PRELUDE** (The congregation in devout meditation)

### PROCESSIONAL

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.*

**People:** With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love;

**All:** *Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*  
(Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV)

### INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

We gather, O God, aware that today is designated as one on which we honor all mothers who have heard your calling. How unfailing thou hast proved thyself to be in their lives and experiences. As we worship you this day, may we reflect on their steadfast and unfailing spirit of commitment to the "Great Commission". May thy abiding presence and amazing grace sustain them and us as we seek to do your will. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "God of Love and God of Power" BH#51

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Leader:** *We thank God for mothers whose words are wise and compassion knows no boundaries.*

**People:** Grant them wisdom, personal calling lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

**Leader:** *We thank God for mothers whose faith is unyielding.*

**People:** Grant them wisdom, personal calling lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

**Leader:** *We thank God for mothers whose hands work to serve the Lord.*

**People:** Grant them wisdom, personal calling lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

**Leader:** *We thank God for all mothers who have influenced our lives, may we honor them in everything we do.*

**People:** Grant them wisdom, personal calling lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

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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** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" BH#470

**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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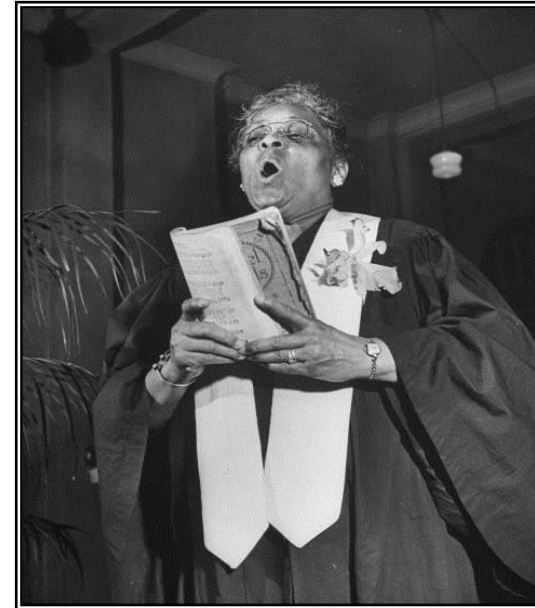
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***Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society***

***Mother's Day Celebration***

***Honoring the life of***

***Mrs. Emma Clarissa Williams Clement***

The first African American Woman to be named  
American Mother of the Year - 1946



**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

**Quadrennial Theme**

**"The Great Commission-A Global Outreach:  
Personal Calling, Personal Transformation,  
Personal Instruction and Personal Commitment"**

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