

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE (The congregation in devout meditation)

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

All: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Heavenly Father, we magnify Thee for all Thou hast been to Thy saints through ages past. Today, as we reflect on those whom we owe our life and all that we have come to know through their faith, transformative love, and example, may our remembrance of mothers result in praise and gratitude. We thank Thee for Thou didst create the world's first woman, and who didst give to the world a transformational Savior. In His name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" BH#29

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Faith of our Mothers, living still, who answered the Master's Call.

People: Praise God for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends for transformative love.

Leader: Faith of Mothers, living faith, who answered the Master's Call.

People: Praise God for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends for transformative love

Leader Faith of our Mothers, guiding faith, who answered the Master's Call.

People: Praise God for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends for transformative love.

Leader: Faith of our Mothers, Christian faith, who answered the Master's Call.

People: Praise God for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends for transformative love.

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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" More Love to Thee, O Christ" BH#256

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE HYMN OF INVITATION

RECESSIONAL

MISSIONARY BENEDICTION: *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
(1874 - 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 Women'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 Women'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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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 14, 2017

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

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