

Sermon Guide – May 12, 2024

Today is Ascension Sunday and also Mother's Day. While acknowledging that Mother's Day is a hard day for people who have had a conflicted relationship with their own mother or with a child, it can also be a day to acknowledge the people who have been like a mother to us, providing care, nurture, encouragement, etc. You don't have to be a mother to exhibit mothering qualities, to be a blessing to someone else.

Name mothering attributes that have been and are important to you:

Are there names to go along with those attributes? Are you able to say thank you to those who have been like a mother to you?

Pastor Cindy connected several of the attributes we named to God – protecting us, sheltering us like a mother hen; comforting us, never forgetting us, loving us unconditionally. Which of those attributes do you find comforting when you think about God?

Read through Acts 1:1-11, the account of Jesus' Ascension. As his death neared, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for life after he was gone. Even as he ascended, he was giving them instructions and reminders. Do you see mothering attributes in the words and actions of Jesus? How does that realization impact your relationship with Jesus?