

AVELEIGH'S MOTHER'S DAY MAY 14, 2017
YOUR YEAR OF WORSHIP
SERMON: MERCY IS THE MIRACLE
TEXT: RES.PS. 101 & 1 COR. 13. p. 1232

“Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. Love is not boastful or proud. Love is not rude. Love is not self-seeking. Love is not irritable or easily angered. Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil. Love rejoices with the truth. Love is always supportive. Love always trusts. Love is always hopeful. Love always perseveres and never gives up. Love never fails. It never ends.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

1. MERCY OVERLOOKS IRRITATIONS & OFFENSES

“Love is not irritable or easily angered.” 1 Corinthians 13:5

“Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them separates even close friends.” Proverbs 17:9

“It is to your glory to overlook an offense.” Proverbs 19:11b

“Be careful that when you get on each other’s nerves you don’t snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out.” 1 Thes. 5:15 (Mes)

2. MERCY IS KIND EVEN WHEN OTHERS DONT DESERVE KINDNESS.

“Love is patient... Love is kind... Love is always supportive.” 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7

“Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.” Proverbs 3:27 (NCV)

“Don’t be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else.” 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (CEV)

3. MERCY REALEASES PAST HURTS

“Love keeps no record of wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:5

“Love is not rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges.” 1 Corinthians 13:5 (LB)

4. MERCY ACCEPTS THAT GOD IS WORKING IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

“Love always trusts, love is always hopeful, and love always perseveres through whatever comes.” 1 Corinthians 13:7

“Lord, hear my prayer for mercy when I call to you for help, when I lift my hands toward your most holy place.” Psalm 28:2 (GW)

“I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.”
Lamentations 3:20-23

CONCLUDING PRAYER: *“Lord, I want to live a blameless life, but how I need your help Lord, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should.” Psalm 101:2 (LB)*

FOUR FOR YOUR ROAD AHEAD

1. For what are you thankful?
2. For whom are you thankful?
3. Does Mother’s Day have any special meanings or activities you observe?
4. Is there a relationship you wish to improve this week? How?

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Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together to worship our merciful, loving God,

People: who, like a mother, knows us intimately,

Leader: who loves us unconditionally,

Leader: teaches us the way we should go,

People: and comforts us in times of need.

Leader: Praise God the merciful the creator of the family!

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, you know what families are like. Even on days like today, when we honor our mothers, we sometimes take them for granted. We have whined to get our own way and ignored the needs of the people we live with. We have been angry at having to do more than our share of the work around the house and been blind to all the ways we have benefited from our family's support. Our mothers have made sacrifices for us, and we have not recognized it. Reconcile us to our loved ones, O God, and forgive us the ways we have contributed to family tension. Help us accept our family members as precious in your sight, for in the name of our elder brother, Jesus, we pray. Amen.