Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace. Mother’s Day is not a “church calendar” holiday. But it is a precious yearly event providing both an opportunity and a reminder to express our appreciation—something we ought to be doing anyway—“Honor your Father and your Mother.”

This Mother’s Day I thought I might share a recently discovered picture of my Mom—Evelyne Doris Sheehan Reeder—taken the year I was born. While realizing no mother is perfect, my three sisters and I were blessed by our Mom’s unshakable commitment to Christ, manifested by a relentless love for her family, faithfully nurtured in our Bible-believing home church.

Often, we wondered how she nurtured a marriage, excelled in a challenging career, and mothered four children as an unparalleled homemaker. Then we remembered her explanation and confidence—“whatever the Lord calls you to do He will give you the ability to do.”

Thanks, Lord, for my Mom and I look forward to telling her again how much I love her; and the influence of two amazing grandmothers. Beyond that I am incomprehensibly blessed foremost by Cindy Lou Miller Reeder—an authentic “Proverbs 31 woman” and two astonishing daughter/moms, Jennifer and Abigail as well as our daughter-in-law Angie.

This Mother’s Day, let’s encourage Moms, give thanks to the Lord and together renew our commitment to build Christ-centered, Spirit-filled and Bible-believing Mothers for this generation and the generations to come through Gospel-saturated worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship at Briarwood.
Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answer questions submitted to askthepastor@briarwood.org
Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.
OFFICER NOMINATIONS MONTH

The month of May is the time during which nominations are accepted for officer candidates (deacons and elders) for the class of 2023. It is a very important duty that we have as members and leaders to nominate quality men for these offices. The Bible calls the members of the church to “select from among themselves” those leaders whom God has called, gifted, and affirmed. Therefore, each year the Briarwood membership and existing leadership engages in this process of nomination, training, examination, election, ordination and installation.

We would ask that you pray diligently and thoughtfully in consideration of names of men that you know who meet the criteria for officers laid out in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The primary qualification for Elders and Deacons is to be “above reproach.” Being “above reproach” obviously does not require sinless perfection, but a demonstrated obedience in all areas of life.

Please read the brochure posted on the Briarwood website at briarwood.org/nominations and then submit qualified names. In light of our current COVID-19 situation, nominations may be submitted via the online form at briarwood.org/nominations or sent by email to lreese@briarwood.org.

Listen to Pastor Reeder’s Daily Programs

In Perspective (M–F, Sunday; 30-minute expositional study)

Today In Perspective (M–F; 10-minute look at current news)

Fresh Bread (M–F; 5-minute devotional)

The easiest way to hear these is by downloading the Briarwood App. It’s free and in all App Stores by searching “briarwoodpca.”

They also are on WLJR-FM 88.5. Go to briarwood.org/wljr to see the program schedule.

Hear them online anytime at briarwood.org/inperspective.

Find them on iTunes by searching “In Perspective podcast.”
Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - May 10, 2020

Worship Leaders
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher
Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist
Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE
For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms
Psalm 138:2

[All:] I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession
Holy Father, whose eyes cannot look upon iniquity, and who cannot tolerate wrong, but who also loves me and sent Your Son to save me from my sins, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what I have done and by what I have not done. Forgive me; and grant to me the heartfelt knowledge that You have cleansed me of all my sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents
“All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn 64 vv. 1, 5

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE
The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, Romans 15:13

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The Adoration of God’s Glory

Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. II Corinthians 9:7

The Musical Offering of Worship

“His Mercy Is More” (Boswell)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done; Omniscent, all knowing, He counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

[Chorus:]
Praise the Lord! His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus x 2)
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

The Confession of Truth

Galatians 2:20

[All] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

[Leader]: The Word of the Lord.

[All]: Thanks be to God!

The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“This is Amazing Grace” • “Be Thou My Vision” Hymn 382 vv. 1, 3, 4

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty, and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

[Chorus]:
This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life That I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for All that You’ve done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (Chorus)
THE HYMN OF ASCENTS

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The Exposition of God’s Word

The Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5:13–15

The Consecration of God’s People

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

The Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Affirmation

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

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