



May Minister's Message

May is one of those months where you can almost feel life waking up again. Trees are filling in, flowers are blooming, and even the air feels a little lighter. It's also the time when we celebrate Mother's Day, a day that, for many, brings to mind care, love, and nurture... though for some, it can be a more complicated day.

That's part of why this time of year is such a good moment to reflect on how God cares for us.

The Bible gives us some really meaningful images of God, not just as powerful or distant, but as deeply nurturing. One of my favorites is from the book of Isaiah, where God says, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." And then there's Jesus in Matthew 23 describing himself as a hen gathering her chicks under her wings. Those are not cold or formal pictures... they're warm, protective, and full of tenderness.

And here's the thing: not everyone has experienced that kind of nurturing care in the same way. Some of us have been blessed with it. Others carry some hurt around it. But God's care isn't limited by our human experiences. However, we come to this season, God meets us there with patience, compassion, and a steady kind of love that doesn't let go.

In a world that often feels rushed, noisy, and sometimes a bit harsh, it matters to remember this: we are cared for... Deeply... Personally. Not in a generic way, but in a way that knows who we are and stays with us.

And maybe just as important, we're invited to share that kind of care with others. Sometimes that looks like big things, but often it's the small, everyday moments like checking in on someone, listening a little longer, offering kindness when it's needed most. That's part of what it means for us to connect, grow, and serve together.

So, as we move through this Easter season, maybe "new life" doesn't have to be something dramatic. Maybe it looks like becoming a little more attentive, a little more compassionate, a little more willing to nurture the life around us.

With a grateful heart for this community,

Pastor John

