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Home on break from divinity school years ago, I bumped into a friend's mother in the grocery store. (Let's call her Alice.) Alice and I hadn't seen each other in ages. After exchanging pleasantries, she asked how my studies were going. Before I could answer, Alice blurted out, "I have no problem with women in ministry. Just don't make me pray to God the Mother. I'm quite happy with God the Father." I did my best to respond to her concerns, and we parted on good terms. But as one does after stepping on a conversational landmine, I went home and thought about what else I might have said.

I'm still thinking about this, actually. In Luke's gospel, there is a scene in which Jesus looks out over the holy city of Jerusalem, contemplating the injustices the powerful are inflicting upon the vulnerable. Jesus catches us off guard by confessing he wishes he could be like a mother hen. "O Jerusalem, how often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!" (Luke 13:34)

To expressly identify with a mother hen would be unconventional for most men, but especially the one Christians revere as the Savior of the world. As He looks out over the holy city, why doesn't Jesus use masculine imagery? For instance, why doesn't he liken himself to a strong, young David standing before the giant Goliath? Why doesn't Jesus say he wishes he could take down Jerusalem's powerful with a slingshot of his own?

He doesn't, though. Instead, Jesus says he wishes he could be a mother hen hiding her chicks under her wings. What does it say about Jesus that he is not afraid to express his maternal side?

Not long after bumping into Alice, I was back at seminary. One class had me reading "Revelations of Divine Love," a vision-by-vision account of the spiritual experience of Julian of Norwich, a medieval English mystic. Partway through her detailed report of her mystical visions, Julian refers to Christ as our mother. As with Alice's unexpected grocery store remark, Julian's unanticipated assertion is something I continue to ponder. Tomorrow is Mother's Day. For

Christ as a mother



Pastor's Perspective

By The Rev. Karen Winkel



many, the day will overflow with affection and gratitude for birth and adoptive mothers, as well as other women who have helped mother us. Sadly, not all of us have been blessed with ideal mothers or able surrogates, and so Mother's Day can be a day of secret or not-so-secret suffering.

How beautiful is it, then, for anyone who feels a little or a lot like a "motherless child" to know that Christ is aware of this and yearns now — as he did then — to scoop us up into the warm shelter of his mother hen-like wings. Or going further still, perhaps some of us might even be comforted by the notion that Jesus himself is our mother. Admittedly, this maternal

image might be too great a stretch for some, but for others, it might well launch the healing of a lifetime.

Whether we've been mothered well, feel motherless or find ourselves somewhere in between, my prayer is that every single one of us would find ourselves nestled under the great wings of Jesus' mothering love, a love that comes in various ways throughout our lives. However this holy love comes our way, may we feel nurtured and held safe, secure in the knowledge that God isn't the least bit hesitant to mother us.

Rev. Karen Winkel is the pastor of Community Spirit-United Church of Christ in Montrose.

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Sunday Worship 11 am
Bible Study Thursday 6 pm

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Cimarron Ward: Bishop Matt, 901-8736 home; 249-5373 office. 9:00 Sacrament Meeting
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