



Happy  
Father's  
Day

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**JUNE 20, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FATHER'S DAY**

Order of Worship  
JUNE 20, 2021

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CENTERING

PRELUDE "Teach Us, O Lord" D. Paxton  
*(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing upon our fathers and all men whose labors and care cannot be measured in words and acts of praise.

People: **In our worship experience today, we will commit ourselves to a more genuine appreciation of our fathers on earth and a deeper love for our Father who is in Heaven.**

HYMN "More Love to Thee, O Christ" No. 453, v. 1

PRAISING

\*OPENING HYMN & BRING FORTH THE LIGHT "This Is My Father's World" No. 144

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

People: **For some of us, our father's love is like God's love—too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.**

Pastor: Some of our dads are here; some were never here,

People: **For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.**

Pastor: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers,

People: **On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.**

Pastor: On this Father's Day, we are reminded that God is the father of us all, and in His caring love, we are shaped into the children He has created us to be.

People: **We come to worship God our Father who loves us as His own.**

OPENING PRAYER

**We praise You, Almighty Father, for being the example of the kind of father we desire to have. On this day of honoring earthly fathers, we pray that fathers everywhere will look to You for this model of true fatherhood. On this day of honoring men, we pray they may seek to do Your will in serving the needs of others. We pray that all men may lead lives worthy of Christian manhood, and that all of Your servants will walk in Your way, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INTROIT "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140, v. 1

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.

People: **that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.**

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)

**"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"**

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

No. 186

**“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia”**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ

Mark 4:35-41

\*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

**PROCLAIMING**

SERMON

“Why Are Ye Afraid”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

**BLESSING**

**CELEBRATING OUR MEN**

HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

No. 710, v. 1

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: For those men, especially fathers, who model your love,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For their patience, strength, compassion and playfulness,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For the right guidance and direction we have received in life from our dad,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For the happy memories of times shared in fun and fellowship,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For the hard lessons dad let us learn as we took responsibility for our own actions,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For being there when we needed you, dad,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastors: For not being there, we forgive,

People: **may our hearts be healed.**

Pastor: In appreciation for the strength needed during every stage of our lives,

People: **our hearts look to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: For being the rock we could climb to during the storm,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For providing our daily bread and clothing,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For the laughter and tears, for the hugs and the understanding quiet,

People: **we give you thanks, O God.**

HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

No. 710, v. 2

**PRAYER FOR OUR MEN (All men are invited to stand)**

Pastor: For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love,

**People: we pray to the Lord...**

Pastor: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,

**People: we pray to the Lord...**

Pastor: For men, though without children of their own, who, like fathers, have nurtured and cared for us,

**People: we pray to the Lord...**

Pastor: For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,

**People: we pray to the Lord...**

Pastor: God, our Father, in your wisdom and love, you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**People: We pray to the Lord...**

HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

No. 710, v. 3

**RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With the Apostle Paul, let us not “accept the grace of God in vain.” With the psalmist, let us praise and rejoice in God, our stronghold in times of trouble and need. In gratitude for what we have received, let us bring our tithes and our offerings.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Thou My Life Are Ever”

F.W. Zachau

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Merciful God, we thank you for the example of those who have walked before us in faith. May the offering of our ministries nurture the young in our midst, just as David was nurtured by Saul. May the offerings of our lives honor those you seek to help and defend. Accept our gifts, we pray, and bless now this morning's offerings, that we might do your will wherever we are called to serve. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

Go with the blessings of Almighty God: purity, knowledge, patience, kindness and holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of our Lord. Go in peace and be a blessing for everyone you meet.



\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

No. 514, vs. 1 & 4

\*POSTLUDE

“We All Believe In One God”

M. Dupre

**‘WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD’**