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Welcome To Worship

June 19, 2022

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Preparing to Worship...



“Bad Dads and Good Fathers”

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✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***  
***Surely God is in this place,***  
***Holy Ground!***

✧ **A Prayer to Center Ourselves in this Moment**

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

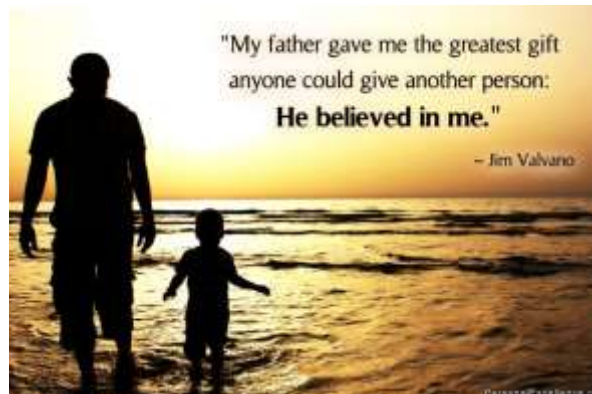
We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen

*Rev. Chuck Currie*



## ✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

### ~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

A father is neither  
an anchor to hold us  
back nor a sail to take  
us there, but a guiding  
light whose love shows  
us the way.

My father used to play with  
my brother and me in the  
yard. Mother would come  
out and say, 'You're tearing  
up the grass.' 'We're not  
raising grass,' Dad would  
reply. 'We're raising boys.'

Harmon Killebrew

## ✧ **And the Children Will Lead the Way: Kids' Time**



### ✧ **Gathering as God's People**

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

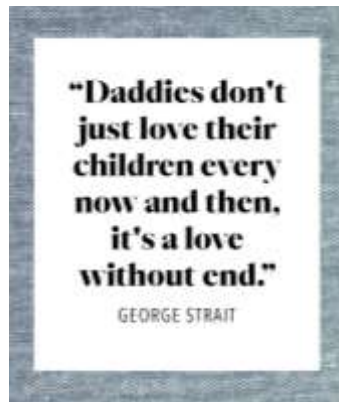
Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

*Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD*

### ✧ **Gathering Hymn "Now God our Father" #103 (Worship & Praise)**



### ✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

**All: Eternal God,  
mother and father of every living creature,  
whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship:  
Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness,  
that we may grow and serve in ways of trust,  
compassion, and purposeful living.**

*Terence Elwyn Johnson from "Touch Holiness" ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi*

My father is my rock. It's where I learned  
everything about loyalty, dependability,  
being there day in, day out, no matter what.

HUGH JACKMAN

### ✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

God, in you every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of

change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from father, mother, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace. Amen.

*Ruth C. Duck from "Touch Holiness" ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi*

Let us enter into a few minutes of quiet. Our gathered community enables us to become even more aware of the Divine presence. Enter the sacred awareness of God's accompaniment as you seek understanding and connection.



### ✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)

### ✧ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

**Proverbs about fathers**  
**Proverbs 1:8, 22:6, 23:22, 23:24**

### ✧ **Reflection Questions**

What was the best advice given to you by your father or a father-figure? Is there advice you wish you'd received?

**"God as father" scriptures**  
**2 Corinthians 6:18, Psalm 103:13, Deuteronomy 1:31**  
**Malachi 4:6, 3 John 1:4**

### ✧ **Reflection Questions**

Is it easy to think of God as a loving father? (Or a loving mother?) How do you show God's love to others?

✧Message “Bad Dads and Good Fathers” Crystal Stinemates



✧Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #276

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Affirming Our Faith with Intention...Our Prayer

All:

**We are striving to be...  
Relevant and Responsive,  
Open and Affirming,  
Engaged and Engaging.  
Informal and Radically Traditional.**

**Welcoming All.**

**Honoring The Sacred Masculine  
and The Sacred Feminine,**

**Embracing The Mystic Within,  
We Are Of One Spirit....  
not necessarily of one mind.**

**Mission bound.**

**Educationally engaged.**

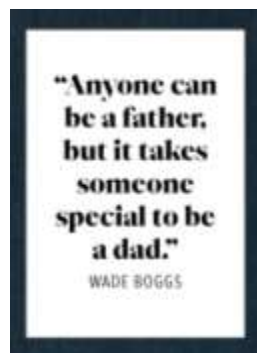
**Children and Teens show us “the way”.**

**Elders honored.**

**Visitors Expected.**

**Full of gratitude and seeking grace!**

✧A Moment of Quiet for Everyone



## ✧Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer

Loving and gracious God of the thunderstorms, God of the sun, we come before you this morning grateful for your love – not understanding it but holding fast to it.

We are awed that you love us when we do not love either ourselves or each other; that you love us not only in our pain, not only in our rejoicing, but even in our bumbling confusion.

As a father's kiss heals a wounded knee or a mother's song heals a frightened heart, so your love reaches through us and heals. We come before you and ask for healing.

We ask that your healing love come into our world which is in great need. We pray that it reach the victims of floods or terrorism, and the victims of loneliness or pain. We pray that your love touch people in all corners of the earth, people whose names we do not know, but whose lives are precious to you.

We pray for those whose names and lives we know so well: parents and children, spouses and friends. Fill them with your love.

God, we pray for ourselves, and ask your forgiveness for our inability to live fully in your loving acceptance. We are a people who fear; grant us the courage to believe in grace.

*Janice Jean Springer from "Touch Holiness" ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi*

We pray together...

***The Lord's Prayer*** (New Zealand Prayer Book)

**ALL: Eternal Spirit**

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven.**

**The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**



### ✧ **Benediction**

As we thank God for the gift of good dads, and everything that they do for us, let us remember to have patience when people are being difficult, wisdom when we can't see the way, strength when someone need comforting, and love at all times, so that, through our actions, others get a little glimpse of how God feels about us.

*Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

✧ **Our Response...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***

Postlude: Zo Trembley



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