

Father's Day June 18, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Jim McPeek

Introit "God of our Fathers" Gene Foiles, piano
Wayne Cook, Victor Hess, Glen Shaw, Butch Smith, David Webber, vocals

Greeting/Life of the Church Glen Shaw
As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, so God seeks and saves the lost. Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found, so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness. As a father receives a returning wayward son, so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past. Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received. Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer (unison)
We praise you Almighty Father for being the example of the kind of father we long to be and desire to have. On this day of honoring fathers, we pray that fathers everywhere will look to you for their model of true fatherhood. Let this day be a reminder to us as the day we not only honor our fathers, but as the day we fathers recommit to living by your example. Help us this day and every day to lead lives worthy of Christian manhood through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Opening Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH #710

Responsive Tribute for Fathers Chad Mossing
Liturgist: For Fathers who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

Congregation: We thank you Lord for the blessing of these fathers.
Liturgist: For Fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their families and friends support and console them.

Congregation: We pray for your comfort and strength for these fathers.
Liturgist: For men, though without children of their own, who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us.

Congregation: We thank you Lord for the blessings of these fathers.
Liturgist: 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.

Congregation: We pray for your guidance to these fathers that they follow your ways.

Liturgist: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christians. 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 18:18-19

A Celebration of Fathers – "Only A Dad" by Edgar Guest

Wayne Cook

Victor Hess

Only a dad with a brood of four
One of ten million men or more,
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, but the best of men.

Offering/Offertory Chad Mossing, Jim McPeek
**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication
Lord, we know that there is much work to be done; far more than we ever imagined. We ask that you bless these gifts that they be used for the work you have set before us, for we place our lives and trust in you. AMEN.

**New Testament Reading - Matthew 18:21-35 Butch Smith

Special Music "Eternal Father; Strong to Save" Gene Foiles, piano
Wayne Cook, Victor Hess, Glen Shaw, Butch Smith, David Webber, vocals

Sermon "Radical Forgiveness" Pastor Vic Toney

**Closing Hymn "Rise Up O Men of God" All the men in attendance
UMH #576

**Benediction

Postlude Jim McPeek



If you purchased carnations, you may take them with you after the service today, but please leave the vases.



Scripture Reading – Genesis 18:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸ Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

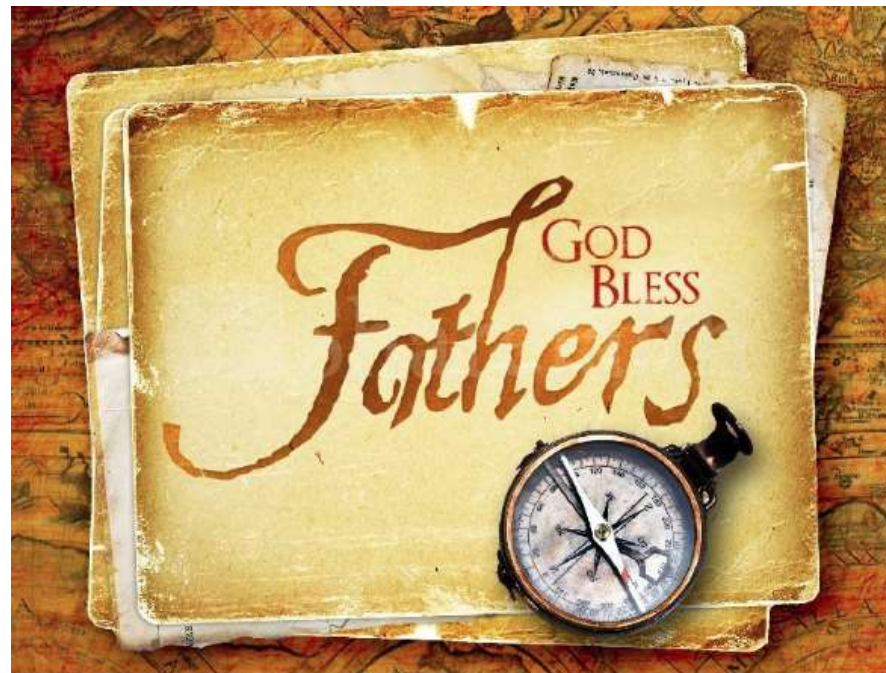
Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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June 18, 2023 - Worship Team

Guest Pastor	Rev. Vic Toney
Ushers	Eric Fleming, Mike Tittle, Bob Whipp, Doug Wickline
Greeters	Men of Faith
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Guest Organist	Jim McPeck



Monday 19	Women United Men of Faith Boy Scouts	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Parlor Rm 16 A-B FH 15C
Tuesday 20	Bible Study Mission Outreach Magic Volleyball Practice	10:00 am 3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Parlor Parlor FCC
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Friday 23	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 24	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15 A, Kitchen
Sunday 25	Sunday School Worship Service	9:15 am 10:30 am	Rm 16A, FH 15C Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "The Minor Prophets."

Summer Sunday School will meet in Rm 16, Leaders Lynn Engle and Becky Cultice, study of "The Gift of Empathy."

Next Sermon – Sunday, June 25

"Alive to God"
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
Romans 6: 1-11

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