

# Father's Day - June 16, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" John B. Dykes/John Innes

\*\*Call to Worship

Let's praise the One who gives us faith.

**Let's praise the One who walks with us.**

Let's praise the One who shrouds life in mystery.

**Let's praise the One who sees and knows all things.**

Let's praise the One who makes all things new.

**Praise God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

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

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 fathers in our church 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.**

Children's Moments Victor Hess

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer Bob Whipp

Liturgist: For Fathers who have given us life and love; may we 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, who taught us to pray this prayer,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart  
"Faith Is the Victory" Ira D. Sankey

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication Don Wolf

**This is our heart's desire, loving God, that you would take our resources and our time, our prayers and our service, and transform them into blessings that build your kingdom. Amen.**

\*\*Scripture Reading Mark 4:26-34

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Victor Hess & Glen Shaw  
"You Raise Me Up" Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland

Sermon "Organic Faith" Pastor Jeff Bandy

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

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"God of Our Fathers" George W. Warren/Harold De Cou



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



## Gospel Reading – Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

### The Parable of the Growing Seed

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

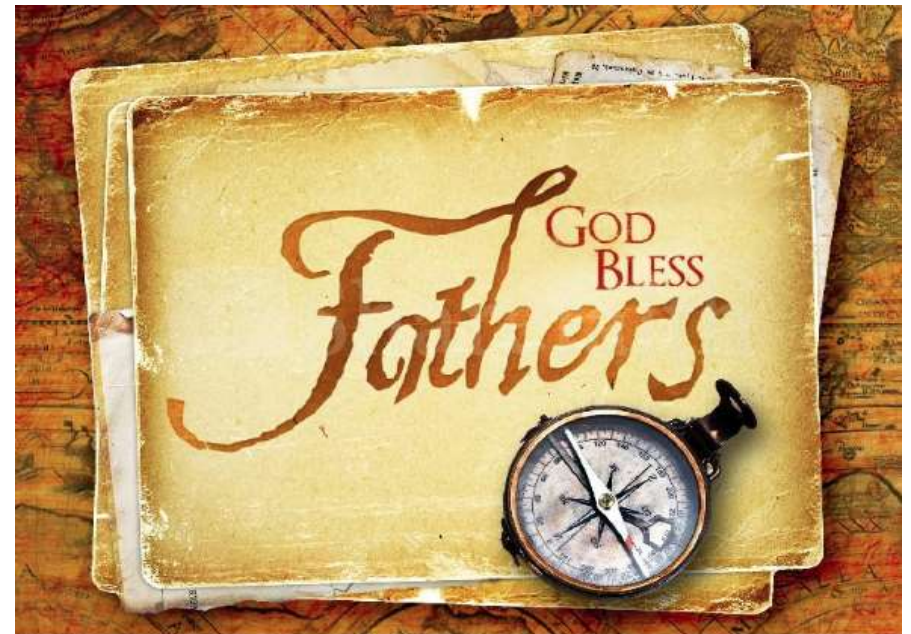
### The Parable of the Mustard Seed

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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### Father's Day

### June 16, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers

Bob Whipp, Edward Stidham,  
Doug Wickline, Rick Smith

Greeter

Pam Whipp

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Organist

Carol Stewart



Monday 17	Women United Circle Men of Faith Boy Scouts	1:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Parlor CC 16A-B FH 15 C
Tuesday 18	Bible Study Dorcas Circle Mission/Outreach	10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm	Parlor FH 15 A Parlor
Wednesday	<b>JUNETEENTH</b>		
Thursday 20	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Practice	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Parlor FCC
Friday 21			
Saturday 22	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15 A, Kitchen
Sunday 23	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	CC 16A Narthex Sanctuary

### Sunday School Studies

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Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy  
Mark 4: 35-41 (NIV)

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