

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship
June 20, 2021 – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

A BLESSING OF FATHERS

Loving God, we remember how Jesus called out to You on earth. We thank You for all the male figures in our lives who have shared Your love with us. We ask that You guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be. We seek Your forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short, for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing. Grant Your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures to love their children as You have loved Your children. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank You, God, for our fathers and grandfathers.

For those who have mirrored Your love in our lives, we give thanks.

Thank You, God, for those who stepped into the fatherly role.

For step-fathers, uncles, brothers, caregivers, teachers, and coaches who made a difference in our lives, we give thanks.

We lift up to You, O God, those fathers who have gone on.

For those who are grieving,

for those who feel an absence on this day, we pray.

We lift up to You, O God, all those who have had difficult relationships with their fathers.

May their pain be eased, and may they know God's embrace.

We ask God's blessing, as a father loves a child.

Amen.

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

*Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whom Jesus called "Abba," You know what is right for us. But, too often, we want things our way or no way, instead of Your way. Have mercy on us when we turn from You. Forgive us when we do not realize Your love and direction for all of us. Teach us anew how to follow You, as we pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank You, God, for meeting us in our need. We give so that others might respond to the Good News of Your love. With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank You, God, for Your steadfast love that endures forever. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4:1-17
Ephesians 6:1-4

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Father’s Gift”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 293

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.*

*Our God has made this world. Oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missions

The Session has approved the last Sunday of the month as a day to focus on missions. Next week, the Missions Committee will present a Minute for Mission to update you on its activities. In addition, there will be special envelopes available should you wish to help support the mission work of our church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Coffee Hours

Coffee Hours are back! In the interests of keeping things simple, we're asking people to bring in some cookies that we can keep on hand. (Aldi's prices are very low.) Thank you!

Summer Get-Together at the "Greenport Parsonage"

Save the date! Pastor Ann and Bob Van Cleef would like to invite their Church Family to the "Greenport Parsonage" for a Summer Get Together on *Saturday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m.*, rain or shine. Please mark your calendar!

Church Craft Fair Date Has Been Set

Here's another "save the date" event: *Saturday, September 25*, for our Church Craft Fair.

Larry Foray is chairing this all-day event. It will look a bit different than Craft Fairs of the past – for one thing, it will be an all-outdoor affair. (Pandemic, you know.)

Please spread the word among craftspeople you know. Larry has applications for 10 x 10 foot spaces on the lawn.

Our church will have about 5 tables to sell things. If you are interested in staffing a church table, please see Larry.

Chinese Auction Baskets

Do you have new items that you're not going to use? (Gifts, impulse buys, etc.) If so, we can use them for our Chinese Auction at the Church Fair. Please bring them to church on any Sunday. Thank you!

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