

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

June 21, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

“Father’s Day”

“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 5:16)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR FATHERS

God, our Heavenly Parent, on this day we celebrate and honor our fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and others who have been like fathers to us. We mourn with those who are missing their fathers and loved ones. We grieve with those for whom this day is difficult, for those who have lost a child, or are unable to have children. We remember that You are our Parent, Creator of Us All, and in Your image we are beautifully made. May we worship You today as we celebrate together. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we recognize our fathers, stepfathers, and others who have nurtured and guided us in our lives.

We thank God for those who have been fathers to us.

We honor our grandfathers, our uncles, brothers, teachers, mentors, and coaches: those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

We thank God for those who have been like fathers to us.

We appreciate and especially honor all those who have extended fatherly tenderness and love in our lives, past and present.

We thank God for those who have filled a fatherly role in our lives.

We pray with those who are mourning the loss of fathers today, and for those whose fathers were absent or abusive.

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:14-17

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

“The Father of the Prodigal Son”

Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

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:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

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