

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FATHER'S DAY  
June 17, 2018  
11:00 A.M.  
*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look around, everyone!

**ALL: We're looking!**

One: This is God's house,

for the simple reason that God is here among us!

So get ready!

**ALL: We're ready.**

One: May you and I open our eyes to the Grace that surrounds us.

God wants to meet us here.

**ALL: Praise be to God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Creator, We Thank You For All You Have Made" (words below)

SKETCH FOR FATHER'S DAY

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong"

(congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.***

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER

"Standing on the Promises"

No. 374 (vs. 1 & 4)

UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: O God of all people, beyond our view but as near as our breath, in whose eyes all life is precious, we greet You. Help us to see the worth of every individual, whom you have created in your image. We pray for all who search for you, including us. We pray for all who have given up on the search, including us. We pray for victims of violence or hatred, especially people who have suffered innocently. May they find the healing of**

**body, mind or spirit they long for. In your presence, we long for the causes of division and hatred to be brought down. May that work start today by our seeing things thru the eyes of others, and regarding all neighbors as we would like to be treated ourselves.**

One: Now we speak with confidence in the name of the One who brought us your Gospel, saying –

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC                      “He’s Always Been Faithful”                      Sarah Groves  
Sue Cobb and Susan Steele, vocalists; Bob Cobb, accompanist

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God’s hand in mine. Season by season I watch Him, amazed, in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways. Refrain: All I have need of His hand will provide. He’s always been faithful to me.

I can’t remember a trial or a pain He did not recycle to bring me gain. I can’t remember one single regret in serving God only, and trusting His hand. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me. This is my anthem. This is my song. The theme of the stories I’ve heard for so long. God has been faithful, He will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end.

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE                      Genesis 28: 10-19a                      (OT p. 25)  
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE                      Just 5 Words: Keys to a Great Spiritual Life  
The First Word—“HERE”

A MODERN CREED TO HELP US BE PRESENT

**I believe in God, our Maker,  
Source of all life, source of all love,  
Creator of the Universe and all that is in it, Including me.**

**I believe in Jesus the Christ,  
Fully human, fully divine,  
Whose witness and sacrifice saves the Universe,  
And all that is in it, Including me.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God acting in the world,  
The voice of prophets old and new,  
Reminding us who animates the Universe  
And all that is in it, Including me.**

**These three are one God,  
The only God, my God.**

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

Offertory Hymn                      “How Great Thou Art”                      No. 77 (vs 1 & 4)

\*Doxology

No. 95

**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 Over the Gifts

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH     "God of Grace and God of Glory"     No. 577 (vs. 1 & 4)

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

### **Creator, We Thank You For All You Have Made**

*(Sung to the tune: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")*

Creator, we thank you for all you have made:

For trees by the sidewalk that give us cool shade,  
For grass-covered ball fields, for flowers downtown,  
For wide autumn leaves that turn crispy and brown.

God, thank you for gardens on back corner-lots,  
For insects that hide out in old flower pots,  
For lions and polar bears living in zoos,  
For high mountain trails that have beautiful views.

God, thank you for rainfall that ends a long drought,  
For cracks in the sidewalk where little weeds sprout,  
For birds that build nests in the tops of the trees,  
For hot summer days when we feel a cool breeze.

O God, we give thanks for the places we go,  
For cool mountain lakes and for trails in the snow,  
For each city park and for each county fair,  
For gifts of creation we see everywhere.

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