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4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day



**GATHERING**

*As the Deer Pants for the Water*, Nystrom

Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Amanda Aweh, Liturgist

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PRELUDE

*This Is Where Children Belong*

FWS #2233

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord with joy, O people!

**We raise our voices in joyful praise.**

Cry to God with all your hearts.

**We trust that God hears our pain and comforts us.**

Shout out in rage to our God.

**Injustice and suffering touch us deeply.**

**We will offer God our anger and our pain**

**in worship and trust. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

UMH #141

### \*INVOCATION

**Wonderful and loving God, source of all life and love, you created us to be support and care for one another. Open our eyes this morning to your constant care for us; speak to us your word of grace; and give us courage to reach beyond ourselves to serve each other and the world in love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our ears, Lord, to hear your word. Open our hearts, Lord, to accept your peace. Open our lives, Lord, to receive your Spirit and manifest your love in all we do. In Christ's name. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21:8-21

### PSALTER

Psalm 86

***Response: Defend the needy and the poor; let justice and peace abound.***

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.**

**R**

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down  
before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;  
**give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

**R**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, the insolent rise up against me;  
a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your serving girl.

**Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

**R**

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 10:24-39

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN** *Strong, Gentle Children*, Daniel Charles Damon

Strong, gentle children, God made you beautiful,  
gave you the wisdom and power you need;  
speak in the stillness all you are longing for;  
Live out your calling to love and to lead.

Strong, hurting children, angry and terrified,  
Open the secrets your life has concealed;  
Though you are wounded, know you are not to blame;  
Cry out your story till truth is revealed.

Strong, knowing children, utter your cry aloud,  
Honor the wisdom God gave you at birth;  
Speak to your elders till they have heard your voice;  
Sing out your vision of healing on earth.

**CHANGE THE WORLD**

## **CELBRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*Make Me a Servant*

FWS #2176

### **SERMON**

*The God Who Sees*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Our Social Creed*

**We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.**

**We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.**

**We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.**

**We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.**

**We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.**

**We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.**

**We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

UMH#273

Congregational Hymn

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

### **\*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**We offer our gifts, O God, as we offer our hearts and our lives. Consecrate them by the power of your Spirit that they may be vessels of love to the world, in Christ's name. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN**

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

FWS #2146

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

FWS #2184

***Our worship has ended; our service begins.***

(\*) Please stand as you are comfortable.

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room to the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Church Council – Monday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- Trustees – Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES**

- Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Friday Ladies' Small Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Saturday Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. via Zoom

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

**CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:**

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please speak with her.

**COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED**



We need someone to help at Coffee Hour on the third Sunday of each month. You will be working with an experienced host, with directions posted, and all supplies are provided. Please help us maintain this ministry.

See Karen Gierie Newman [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com) Thank you!

**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>

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