Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People

For A Father

The longer we live, The more of your presence We find, laid down, Weave upon weave Within our lives.

The quiet constancy of your gentleness Drew no attention to itself, Yet filled our home With a climate of kindness Where each mind felt free To seek its own direction.

As the fields of distance Opened inside childhood, Your presence was a sheltering tree Where our fledgling hearts could rest.

The earth seemed to trust your hands As they tilled the soil, put in the seed, Gathered together the lonely stones. Something in you loved to inquire In the neighborhood of air, Searching its transparent rooms For the fallen glances of God. The warmth and wonder of your prayer Opened our eyes to glimpse The subtle ones who Are eternally there.

Whenever, silently, in off moments, The beauty of the whole thing overcame you, You would gaze quietly out upon us, The look from your eyes Like a kiss alighting on skin.

There are many things We could have said, But words never wanted To name them; And perhaps a world That is quietly sensed Across the air In another's heart Becomes the inner companion To one's own unknown.

By John O'Donohue

June 17, 2018 ~ Worship 10 am

First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers. **Tip for the Service** *Asterisk means please stand if able. The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service. **Questions on where to go?** Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Father Most Holy"

French Church Melody

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Vacation Bible School

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT "It is Good to Sing Your Praises"

by Leavitt's Christian Lyre, 1830

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 92)

One: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to God!

<u>*All*</u>: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

One: For God has made us glad by his work;

<u>*All:*</u> Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

<u>One</u>: On this day, we speak of what we believe.

<u>*All*</u>: At the works of God's hands we sing for joy! Let us worship God!

*HYMN #367 *"Come Ye Thankful People Come"* George Elvey, 1858

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

<u>*All:*</u> Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe.

You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones. We come here today, thankful for fathers on earth and in heaven. May we become the loving parents of the earth that you want us to be. Help us to love neighbors and children who are in our global family whether blood relatives or spiritual relatives. May we strive to be the unconditionally loving compassionate and wise role model to those in our midst as you are to us. Thank you for giving us this chance to have a positive impact on the world we are so blessed to live in. Bless us with your life-giving Spirit, re-create us in your image, and shape us to your purposes, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

<u>One</u>: Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy!

<u>*All.*</u> Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. You want only the best for us, and so we sing praises to you. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri CALL FOR OFFERING OFFERTORY *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* by G. Winston

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #519 vs1** PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *"You are My Strength When I am Weak"*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 20 This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Rejoice! Give Thanks! Celebrate!" by Joseph M. Martin SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 4:26-34 Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!** SERMON

"A Seedy Story?"

*HYMN #2190 (Sing the Faith)

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" Marty Haugen

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

<u>One</u>: Lord God, father/mother and friend of all, your Son Jesus carried our burdens and healed our spirits.

<u>All</u>: We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world for a sign of your reassuring love.

(Silent prayer for our personal requests)

<u>One</u>: We thank you for role modeling to us what a loving parent should be. <u>All</u>: With faith as big as the ocean and as small as mustard seeds, we trust that you hear our prayers. Thank you for helping us love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors as we pray the prayer you taught us saying: (The Lord's Prayer). Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN Tune from #145 *"You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord"* by Carolyn Gillette: GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with Refrain "What Child Is This?"

> You formed us in your image, Lord; You call us your own children. In you, each one is loved, adored — Unique among the millions. Bless, Lord, the families. Who know the joy: Christ claims and frees! Bless, too, the ones who weep, Forgetting that you love them.

You made our homes to honor you, With love the strong foundation. In serving God and neighbor too, We find our life's vocation. Bless families large and small, Who love and serve you when you call. Bless, too, the ones who fear — Whose trust and love are shattered.

In home and church our faith is formed; We learn your love and caring. From here we're called to face the storm, Your love and justice bearing. Each day your Spirit sends! We go to strangers, neighbors, friends. Peace, justice, joy we bring To all your human family.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"God of Our Fathers"

by G.W. Warren

DID YOU KNOW? "*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*" This tune name commemorates St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where the composer was organist for forty-seven years. **Prayer Requests**

Please include in your prayers:

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- Please pray for the family and friends of Helen MacKenzie as they mourn her passing on March 23, 2018.
- Please pray for the family of Betty Thornton, who passed away on March 13th.

Those facing health issues

Jerry Alloway John Baker Suzanne Barthel Jim Bauer Bill Beaumont Judy Bello Barbara Blinn Bob Bunting Patrick Butler Kathryn Alloway Culver Alice Crouch Dick Draper Ray Foreaker Eric Hoche Ted McCarthy Gene Michel Jason Montsier Jessica Morse Lucrecia Muñoz Marie Patchin Carolyn Kenworthy Rhonda Patton Knoles Polly Post Evelyn Radunich Fred Recknagel Bob Simmons Marguerite St. Juste Marisa Taylor Bob Weber Helen Wikle Betty Witchey-Ryer Jill White Roger White Jamie Yen

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

Liturgist: Kim Seamans



Flowers are given by Barbara Nelson in celebration of her 80th birthday today!

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ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC!

Bring your favorite side dish or salad!

Sunday, June 24 11:30 am



Meat, Beverages, and Ice Cream will be provided.



BOOK CLUB 3rd Thursdays of the Month 3:30-4:45 pm in the Library

June 21st ~ Edith Wharton's "Glimpses of the Moon" REGISTER for the 5th Annual Pedal for Protein – 6, 2, and 1 Day North Coast Ride at <u>https://legacy.imathlete.com/events/Eve</u> <u>ntOverview.aspx?fEID=69018&fQuery=</u> <u>&z=1524443768954</u> Registration fee includes a custom P4P jersey, food and lodging and yes, showers! See website for details and options.

6/17	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
Sunday	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship ~ Happy Fathers Day!
	6:00 PM	CoDA
6/18	11:00 AM	Tai Chi Support Class
Monday	12:00 PM	Qi Gong Video Class
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
6/19	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Finance Meeting
	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
	7:00 PM	Christian Ed. Meeting
	7:30 PM	Boy Scouts Board
6/20 Wed.	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
6/21		NEWSLETTER items due
Thursday	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	3:30 PM	Book Club
	6:00 PM	Bells practice
	7:00 PM	A.A.
	7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30 PM	Choir practice
6/22		Office Closed
Friday	7:00 PM	Gamblers Anonymous
	7:00 PM	Korean Youth Group
6/23	6:30 AM	Korean Prayer
Saturday	9:30 AM	Handicapables
6/24	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
Sunday	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC
	11:30 AM	Writing Group CANCELED DUE TO PICNIC
	6:00 PM	CoDA