

June 15, 2014

Father's Day

First Presbyterian Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING CHIMES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, Father that you are, come into our midst.

People: O God, from you we understand fatherhood.

Leader: O God, you are the good Father.

People: O God, you are the true Father.

All: O God, Father that you are, be with us now and always.

**HYMN No. 2 "Come, Thou, Almighty King" (please be seated after hymn)*

CALL TO CONFESSION (responsively)

Leader: When we do not follow our heavenly Father's calling,

People: we sin and need to be forgiven.

Leader: Therefore, let us turn to God for forgiveness, using our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you, Father that you are. We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC Vacation Bible School

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

O God, holy Father, creator and keeper of us all, bless all fathers and bless us. Use these gifts to show your fatherhood to all creation. We pray this in the name of the one you sent for us to show your fatherly love, namely Jesus Christ, Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN No. 39** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 7:7-11

READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 63:15-64:12

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 4:1-6

SERMON **"THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD"** Rev. John Helgeson

***HYMN No. 370** *"This Is My Father's World"*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING HYMN No. 748** *"Go With Us, Lord"*

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit, strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*

***POSTLUDE**

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father
Almighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth, and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead
and buried; He descended
into hell; the third day He
rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to
judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and
the glory forever. Amen.

The flowers today are
given to The Glory of God
and in Memory of June
Dooley from John and Family

Isaiah 63:15-64:12

Look down from heaven and see from your lofty throne, holy and glorious. Where are your zeal and your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us. But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance. For a little while your people possessed your holy place, but now our enemies have trampled down your sanctuary. We are yours from of old; but you have not ruled over them, they have not been called by your name. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people. Your sacred cities have become a desert; even Zion is a desert, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and glorious temple, where our fathers praised you, has been burned with fire, and all that we treasured lies in ruins. After all this, O LORD, will you hold yourself back? Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?

Matthew 7:7-11

(Responsive Reading)

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?"

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no hymn of the month for June.

If you choose, you may face the cross during the singing of the Gloria Patri in recognition of what Jesus has done for us on the cross.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS!

Rev. Helgeson will be away Tuesday through Saturday to attend General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan. He will report thereafter.

Rachel Helgeson, daughter of Rev. and Nancy Helgeson, has accepted a call to be the pastor of the Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church.

This month, the Thursday morning Bible Study group will begin a new study written by John Ortberg entitled **Know and Doubt**. Books will be available in the church office. No previous experience is necessary; just come at 9 a.m. and join in the discussion.

The Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the parlor. Led by Rev. Helgeson, they are studying 1 Corinthians.

Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall. **June-Jelly**

Esther Circle Annual Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, June 28th 7:00-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The set-up date for the sale will be Friday, June 27th. The money from the sale goes to mission projects and needs in the church. If you have any books you would like to donate for the sale please bring them to the church between now and June 27th.

Children's Sunday School will be on summer vacation until August 17.

Young Adult Sunday School will be on summer vacation until August 17.

Women's Association will be hosting a brunch today in honor of our fathers. We hope all will plan on staying to enjoy good food and great fellowship. Thanks!

We need **YOU**....our **VETERANS**....to ride or walk with the First Presbyterian Church's float in this year's 4th of July parade. If you are interested, please let Toby Montgomery or Connie Buescher know. Thanks so much. We look forward to honoring you!!

Thank you Ruth Ann Craig for being our guest Organist today

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Children's Church

Father's Day Brunch after service

Monday, June 16

6:00 p.m. Christian Ed.

Tuesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. PEO

1:00 p.m. Dulcimers

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers

Thursday, June 19 9:00 Bible Study

6:00 p.m. MDA

Sunday, June 22

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Children's Church

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