

Welcome to Worship!

Father's Day

June 17, 2018



“A Tale of Two Fathers”

“The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature.”

Antoine Francois Prevost

“A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow.”

(Anonymous)



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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. Our mission is 'Helping people 'Say Yes' to God. "Do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God" are the three simple rules we seek to live by. As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. If you are a first time guest, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to fellowship hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants thru age five.

Prelude

Bruce Rasmussen, Worship Musician

Ring of the Bell / Welcome

†Opening Prayer for Father's Day (by Safijah Fosua, adapted)

We thank you for fathers near
Fathers with strong arms
And fathers with feeble knees
Present at table and at bathtub and at bedtime for prayers.
Thank you, God, for fathers near.

We thank you, O God, for fathers far away

Fathers who ache for their families

Fathers absent because of war,

Or disease, Or despair,

Fathers who are present and absent at the same time.

Thank you, God, for fathers far away.

We thank you, O God, for caring communities
Where mothers fill in for fathers
And fathers fill in for mothers
And grandparents put on the apron and the towel;

Where aunts and uncles,

and those who are absolutely no kin at all

Make our communities a home

Fit for habitation and full of love; Amen.

†Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The U.M. Hymnal #140

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Father's Day Scripture Litany

Honor your father (and your mother!) that your days may be long upon the earth. (Exodus 20)

Train up children in the way they should go; Even when they are old they will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Hear a father's instruction and be attentive that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts. (Proverbs 4:1)

Listen to your father who gave you life. (Proverbs 23:22)

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (Colossians 3:21)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice ... the righteous father who walks in integrity – blessed are his children after him. (Proverbs 23:24; 20:7)

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who love him. (Psalm 103:13)

Special Music

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Charlie Watson, trumpet

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 37:1-10

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 1:18-24

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn

“This is My Father's World”
The U.M. Hymnal #144

Sermon

“Tale of Two Fathers”
Rev. Stephen Getsinger

Invitation to the Offering

God tells us over and over in the Bible not to be afraid. Our gifts this morning are one way that we trust God even in a world that keeps telling us to be afraid. We let go of thinking that we are on our own, and live each day in graceful dependence on God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

