

Unity Moravian Church
June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Watchword for the Week:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Rev. Joe Moore

Call to Worship

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin & Redman

Offering Our Prayers and Praises

Liturgy

(Standing)

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world.

We give thanks to you, for you are good; your love is eternal.

We glorify you, majestic Lord.

We praise your holy name.

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*Lord of all being, throned afar, your glory flames from sun and star;
center and soul of ev'ry sphere, yet to each loving heart how near!*

*Lord of all life, below, above, whose light is truth whose warmth is love,
before your ever blazing throne we ask no luster of our own.*

Father's Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the men who raised us, who were our fathers in childhood. Whether birth dad, adopted dad, older brother, uncle, grandfather, stepfather, "church dad" or someone else, we thank you for those men who guided us and protected us, who cared for us and held us in your love. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our dads.

We pray for older dads whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new dads experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for expectant men who will soon be dads.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for dads who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for dads who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for dads who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for dads who try to balance vocation and family.

Grant them the courage of living each day.

We pray for stepdads.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for dads who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for dads whose marriages are facing challenges.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for dads who have lost their children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for dads who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive fathers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for men who desperately want, or wanted, to be dads.

Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all men who have assumed the father's role in a child's life.

Grant them the joy and appreciation of others.

We pray for dads who show us the way of faith.

Grant them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their fathers.

Grant them hope and comfort in Christ's resurrection.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful fathers in scripture and we thank you for the men who have inspired us by their fatherly examples.

We are mindful this day of all these men, and especially Joseph the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage to say "yes" to your calling. May all the men we pray for today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for the rest of us what it means to be your disciples; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

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*Heart with loving heart united, met to know God's holy will.
Let his love in us ignited more and more our spirits fill.
He the Head, we are his members; we reflect the light he is.
He the Master, we disciples, he is ours and we are his.*

As we gather as the people of God at Unity Moravian, we remember those members of our church family and our friends who need our prayers: Jere Dailey, Beth Basta, Jayne Parks, Allen Yoder, Teresa Perry, Don Matney, Lou Utt, Jeff Chrysson, Bob Smith and the family of Louise Poindexter.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Have mercy on your whole creation. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your kingdom, and by grace make us worthy to stand before you.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Glory be to Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life. He was dead, and behold he is alive forever and ever. Those who believe in him, even though they die, yet shall they live.

**Glory be to Christ Jesus, in the church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen.**

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*May we all so love each other and all selfish claims deny,
so that each one for the other will not hesitate to die.
Even so our Lord has loved us; for our lives he gave his life.
Still he grieves and still he suffers, for our selfishness and strife.*

Responding to God's Love and Mercy

Children's Time

Worship by Learning and Serving

Worship by Giving

(Jesus said) "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12: 32-34

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Sharing God's Word

Scripture II Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* # 757

*Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

Sermon

Going Forth to Proclaim God's Love and Salvation

In this act of worship, we come in faith-

Faith that our problems will not defeat us, faith that our hearts and spirits can be renewed, faith that we are not alone; for you are with us.

Thanks be to you, God our Savior, for meeting us here in this time and place.

Thanks be to your for forgiving us, for freeing us, and for strengthening us to be your disciples in this life.

We are filled with the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks that we are blessed and we commit ourselves to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Hymn

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*Since, O Lord, you have demanded that our lives your love should show
so we wait to be commanded forth into your world to go.
Kindle in us love's compassion so that everyone may see
in our faith and hope the promise of a new humanity.*

Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Donna Shore

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