

June 21, 2020

11am Worship

~ WELCOME ~

*Kindly silence your devices during worship*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME  
PRELUDE FOR PREPARATION

Dustin Lin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn

*L: Father God, we know that of all our relationships, those with our fathers are often the most complicated.*

**P: For some of us, our father's love is like Your love, O God-- too deep, too long, too wide, and too strong to measure.**

*L: Lord, some of our dads are here with us still; some have gone on to be with You; and some were never here.*

**P: Thank You God, that Your love can fill in the empty spaces our fathers may have left behind.**

*L: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.*

**P: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of You, our Father God, in all that they do.**

*L: Loving God, You who are both father and mother, we thank You that You have shown us how important it is to follow Your way as we grow in our faith. Teach us to be obedient to Your will, respecting You as children ought. Thank You for Your mercy. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring Your name and trusting Your grace. In the Name of Your Son, we pray.*

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“Would you Bless Our Homes and Families”**

**INSERT  
NETTLETON**

MORNING PSALM

PSALM 89:1-4; 15-18

L: Hear the words of the Psalms. **R: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**“Blessed Be the God of Israel”**

**INSERT  
FOREST GREEN**

PASTORAL PRAYER  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**LORD'S PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

L: Hear the words of the scriptures. **R: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**“The God of Abraham Praise”**

**INSERT  
LEONI**

SERMON

Father Abraham

Part 1 – Rodney Parrish

Part 2 – Susan Burgess-Parrish

Part 3 – Rodney Parrish “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Mark Edwards

CONTEMPLATION

Dustin Lin

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**“I Will Be Your God”**

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NYLAND**

**\*GOING FORTH**

*L: So often, with pride in ourselves, we think we know You, O God, when all we know is a minuscule portion of the vast universe that is You.*

**P: Teach us to trust your faithfulness to us, even when we have little idea of what to offer in return.**

*L: Teach us to rely upon Your steadfastness, even as our own ability to hold fast waivers by the moment.*

**P: Teach us to follow the examples of those of great faith in You, who You honored with promises kept, just as you keep promises to us today.**

*L: There is so much for us to learn, to know, and to do. Keep us in Your presence so that we may be of service to and for You all our days. We offer this request in gratitude for all Your grace and love shown to us.*

**ALL: Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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Postlude, to be enjoyed as you depart, extending the Grace of Christ to one another.

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

Bolded items – congregational participation requested

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