Sunday, June 16, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

TODAY'S FOCUS: FASTING. Fasting isn't always about food, but it IS always about God.

PRELUDE — Scott Anderson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Lin

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** TFWS #2084 "Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise" **1.** Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies: who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead; he rose, the Prince of life and peace, and stamped the day forever his.

2. This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed, May feel his resurrection's power and rise again, to fall no more, In perfect righteousness renewed, and filled with all the life of God.

3. Then let us render him his own, with solemn prayer approach his throne, with meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks his dying love record, our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated. For some of us, our father's love is like God's love:

Many: a love too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

One: Some of our dads are fully present, some are gone too soon, some were never able to be there for us, for whatever reason.

Many: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

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

Many: We are especially shaped by God's love, a love without limits.

One: 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.

All: We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the children among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all they do.

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SPECIAL MUSIC — Praise Band Diamonds In the Rough

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:3-9 — Suzanne Gallagher

³ Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice? Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

MESSAGE"The Fast Fast"Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN W&S #3140 "Give Me Jesus" (verses 1, 2, 4) 1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

REFRAIN: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

2. I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say, give me Jesus. REFRAIN

4. Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. REFRAIN

OFFERTORY — Scott

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Suzanne Gallagher

God of our fathers, we dedicate all our offerings to you, and thank you for the work you have done through those who came before us. May we be as quick to follow you, as dedicated in the work you set before us, and as faithful to your Word as all those who founded this church and other churches in our country and around the world. Make us worthy to bear the name Christian. In his name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER - Lin

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #399 "Take My Life and Let It Be" 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet it treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Scott

Prelude/Postlude — Scott
Song Leader— Janice
Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp. — Betsy Special Music — Diamonds ITR Children's Message — Sharon Offertory — Scott Organ — Scott Violin — Rae Ann