

+GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE **Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring** Verse 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN

This is My Father's World

Insert

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING FORTH

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE.

May the Lord Be Always With You

+POSTLUDE



+ *You are invited to rise, as you are able.*

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Le Sueur, Minnesota

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Father's Day

June 16, 2024

9:00 a.m.

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished how much he had learned in seven years.

Mark Twain



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

David Braun

OPENING REFLECTION *In His Shoes*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

+HYMN OF PRAISE **Faith of Our Fathers** Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we would come to You as the prodigal son returned to his father. We confess that we have sinned against heaven and against You. We have wandered away from you and lived as we desired, turning our backs on Your love. We have used what You have given us as if we were entitled to Your blessings. We have sought after the “good life,” but it has eluded us, because there is no life without You. Forgive us, O God, and in Your mercy receive us back into a right relationship with You; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+RESPONSE **Change My Heart, O God** Insert

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

LITANY FOR FATHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them gratitude and love, we pray to the Lord... **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

For fathers who have lost a child through emotional separation or death, that their faith may give them hope and allow them to carry on with life;
For men, though without children of their own and who, like fathers, have nurtured and cared for us;

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, For those who have not responded to their children and those who have not sustained their families,
We pray that God may fill the emptiness in their children's lives.

And for all our fathers who have passed from us and now dwell in paradise, after having raised and nurtured us; we pray God's blessing on our memories and give thanks for their legacy to us.

Loving God, bless all men, that they may be strengthened to serve You. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with grateful hearts. Grant this through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray to You as Our Father, who art in heaven...

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 11:1-11

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May God add a blessing to the reading and hearing of the word.
Amen.

PSALM 20

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Congregational Response: Answer us, O God, when we call