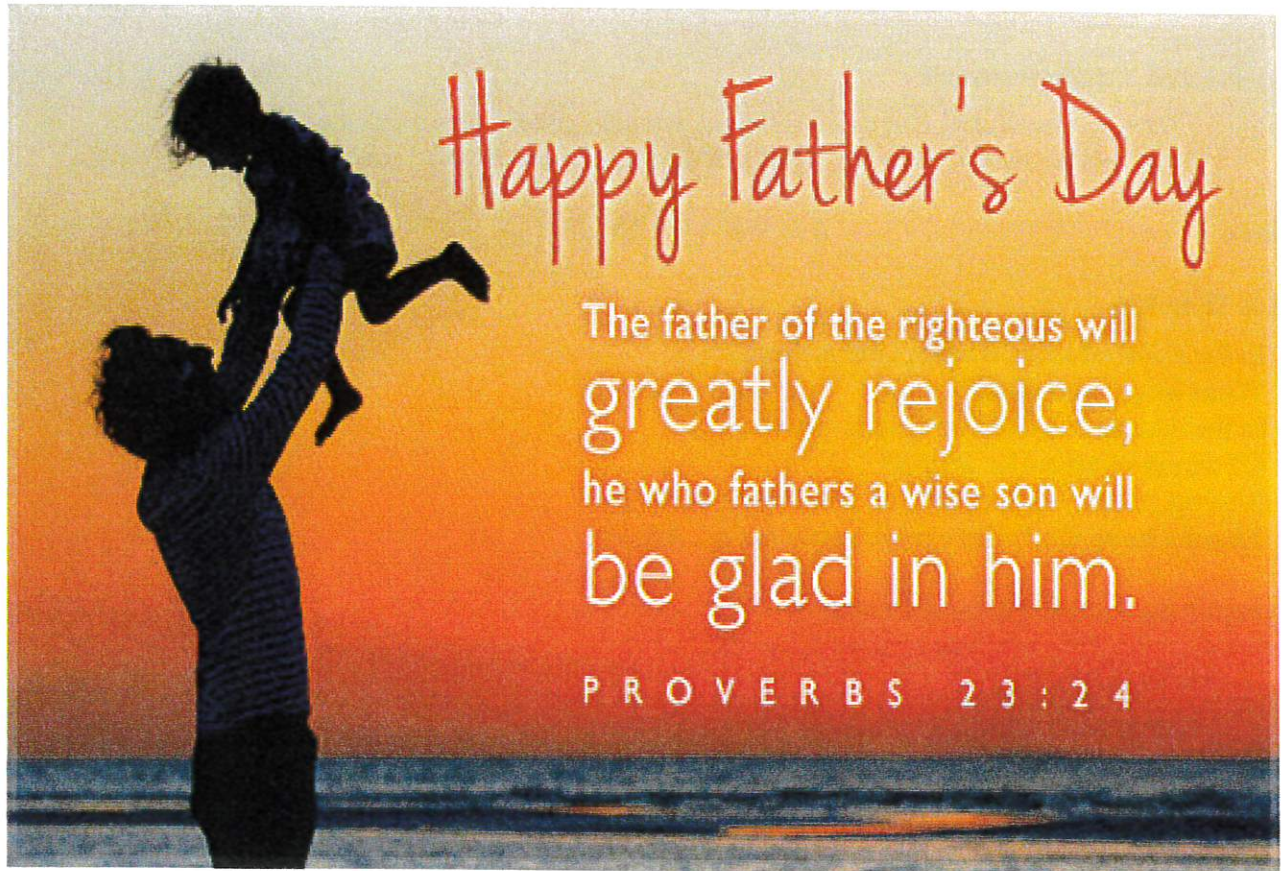


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Grant them time to share with their families.

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 courage for the living of 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 in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for dads who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for fathers whose children's lives ended in abortion.

Grant them healing and peace.

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 boys and men who think about being dads.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

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 joy and the 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 people present who are grieving the loss of their father in the past year.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

(All men and boys are invited to stand for a blessing.)

Lord, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful fathers in scripture, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Zechariah. Now hear the names of other 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 in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these men and boys gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Sermon

A Turn for the Worse

Mark 4:35-41

Pastor Tony

Hymn 743

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

FRIENDSHIP

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Reception of New Member

Riff Footland

(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

We do.

(The congregation sitting, the candidate presents himself,
and the minister gives him the following greeting and charge)

Riff, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build yourself up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep yourself by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

(Standing. During the singing of the following hymn, the minister and members of the Joint Board will give the right hand of fellowship to Riff to welcome him into the congregation.)

HUS L.M. (22 F)

Here in the name of Christ our Lord,
the church's Head by all adored,
with Christian love and purpose true,
this church in faith embraces you.

We welcome you among us here,
with joy that God has brought you near.
With heart and hand we pledge our love
and pray Christ's blessing from above.

The God of peace you sanctify
and bless you richly from on high,
that spirit, soul, and body may
reflect God's presence every day.

Benediction

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace;

(Sung:) **In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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Postlude

Be Still, My Soul

Arr. Doran

*The congregation extends a warm welcome to Riff Footland
who joins our church today by Reaffirmation of Faith.*