**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Father’s Day**

**June 21, 2020, 10:00 AM**

 **Watchword of the Week:**

***Jesus said, “Those who find their life will lose it,***

***and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”***

**Matthew 10:39**

**Prelude** *Faith of Our Fathers* Arr. Berry

**Welcome and Announcements** Marshall Mathers

**Call to Worship** Nancy Morgan

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

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

Some of our dads are here; some were never here or were never loving.

**For some of us, hearing of God as Father makes it difficult to believe that God could be a loving God. For others of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.**

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

**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 God in all that they do.**

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer** Kimberly Brendle

**Hymn 456** *This Is My Father’s World* TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas - his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: O let us not forget
that though the wrong is often strong, God is the ruler yet.
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair -
all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in rustling grass I hear him pass - he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad.

**Liturgy for Father’s Day** Linda Mathers

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember fathers, we give you thanks for our fathers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in the form of time, courage and patience.

We thank you for the men who raised us, who were our fathers in childhood. Whether biological father, adopted dad, older brother, uncle, grandfather, stepfather or someone else, we thank you for those men who guided 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 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.**

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.**

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**Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord**

 **(**Mail or online)

**Prayer of Dedication** Marshall Mathers

**Anthem** *The Servant Song* Arr. Fettke

**Reading of God’s Word** Steve MorganSteve Morgan

 Matthew 10:24-39

 Psalm 69:7-18

**Hymn 687** *God, Teach Us Peacemaking* SLANE

God, teach us peacemaking, justice and love.

Blessed by Christ’s teaching, we’re lifted above

all thought of vengeance of envy or hate.

Help us, your children, shalom to create.

God, teach us peacemaking in church and home,

in school and hall beneath Capitol dome,

in shop and industry, city and farm –

show us the pathways that cause no one harm.

God, teach us peacemaking in ev’ry role.

In each relationship make peace our goal.

Yet give us insight that keeps us aware

justice and mercy in balance to share.

God, teach us peacemaking unto the end –

parent or child, or as stranger or friend –

fill all our hearts with the pow’r of shalom,

living together, the whole world our home.

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**Sermon** Rev.Dr. Riddick Weber

**A Soundbite from Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 20:7-13

**Hymn 696** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,

to help to set the captive’s free, make plowshare out of sword,

to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,

to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race

To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God’s grace.

But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,

Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,

With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.

For God is longing to restore and earth where conflicts cease,

A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,

And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.

As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord

to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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**Benediction** Rev. Weber

**Postlude** *Like a River Glorious* WYE VALLEY Van Krause, trumpet

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