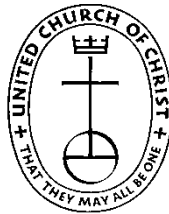


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FATHER'S DAY

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "The Great Commission" Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 116

One: This is a time of God's appearing; let us worship!  
Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

**Many: God's ear is inclined toward us.  
We know that God listens and hears our prayers**

One: We are here to offer our thanks to God.  
We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

**Many: We are grateful for the grace in which we stand.  
We praise God with great joy and gladness.**

One: God bears us up on eagles' wings.  
God draws us into covenant community.

**Many: We will listen for God's commandments.  
We will seek to do all that God requires.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: #24 "The God of Abraham Praise"

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**God of all creation, help us to recognize your presence among us. May we greet one another as your precious children and as messengers of your care. Help us offer such hospitality to one another than even the most skeptical among us will be touched by love. You are love; in you we find hope amid our weakness and doubt. Let your glory shine in this place today as we lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name. Amen.**

\*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:35-10:8-23 Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: **“Be wise as snakes and innocent as doves”**

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

**#23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #769**

**Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “We Walk by Faith” Bertha R. Frick

\*DOXOLOGY: **# 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**We repeat our vows of commitment to you, gracious God, as we dedicate this offering. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the good news. May all that we dedicate here – our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management – announce your reign and the nearness of your dominion. We**

**give with joy and serve with delight, thanking you for this opportunity to share what you have given. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “Faith of Our Fathers”**  
(Words on the screen)

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH #82**  
**“Go My Children, with My Blessing” (verse one)**

POSTLUDE: “Beside the Still Waters”      Lewis W. Gale  
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*Serving in Christ’s Name:*  
**Ministers** – All members of St. John UCC

*Participants in Today’s Worship:*  
**Pastor** – Rev. Rosemary Captain  
**Minister of Music** – Sharon Banjavcic  
**Liturgist** - Dorothy Ovelgoenner  
**Ushers** – Barb Whitaker, Rich Williams