

# SEASON AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Prelude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

**Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name** Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

**\*Opening (Stand)#264 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"** RATHBUN

**\*Call to Worship (Stand)**

The kingdom of God is at hand!

Christ is coming to dwell among us and bless us,

**Let the children of God be at peace.**

**Let us prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the Lord,**

The Son of Man is coming soon to reward all those who endure in faith.

**Let us keep faith in God who gave us birth.**

**Let us worship the Lord who offers us his cup of blessing.**

†Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**\*Opening Prayer (Stand)** Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

**Songs of Faith** "God is Good All the Time" Worship Team  
"Way Maker"

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

**The First Reading** Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

**The Second Reading** Romans 5:1-8

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**\*Responsorial (Stand)** "How Deep the Father's" Worship Team

**\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

**Children's Sermon** (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

**Announcements & Prayers of the Community Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

**Mission Moment** **One Great Hour of Sharing Video**

One Great Hour of Sharing supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and development projects of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. The fund is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. This offering is promoted in May and June.

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations** - Worshipers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

**Prayer of Dedication – Blessed God, we have received much from you, and you have freely given. We cannot begin to repay you for even one of your innumerable gifts, but we can and do try to give as you give: freely, seeking nothing in return. May our only reward be in our hope that our giving gives you joy, that you might see in our humble offerings a reflection of our love for your dear Son, who is your ultimate gift to us and to the world. Bless these gifts to your use and bless us to the service of Jesus Christ's glorious reign over all creation.**

**A Prayer of Illumination & The Message**

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

**Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Closing Hymn (Stand)#66** "To God be the Glory"

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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## Honoring Our Dads

*Blessed is the one  
who trusts in the*

*Lord,*

*whose confidence  
is in him.*

JEREMIAH 17:7 (NIV)



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