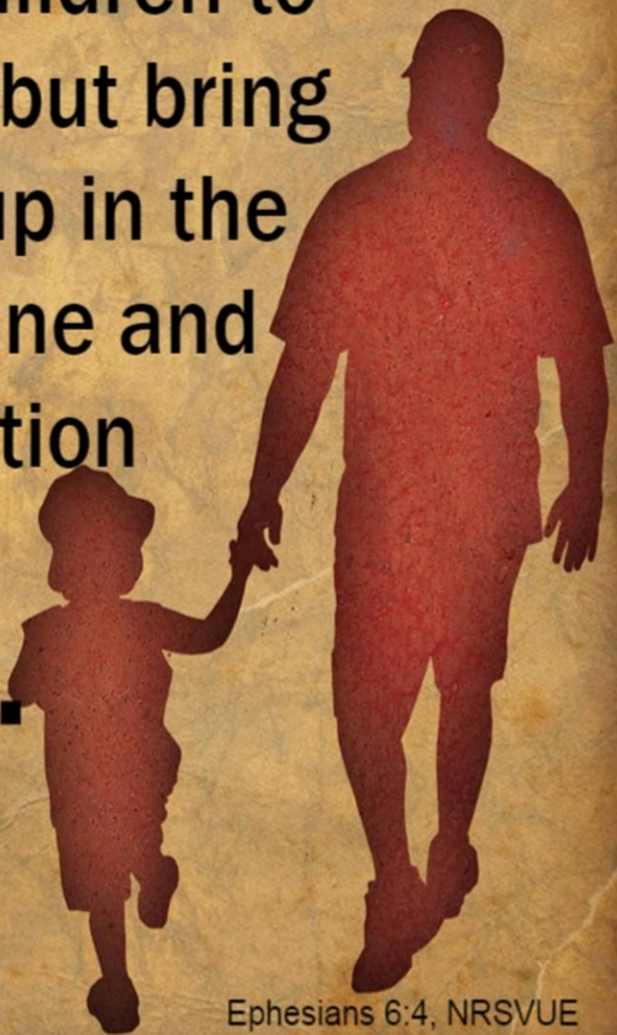


Fathers,
do not provoke
your children to
anger, but bring
them up in the
discipline and
instruction
of the
Lord.



Ephesians 6:4, NRSVUE



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Father's Day

Welcome to worship and fellowship as the family of God.
Your presence adds joy to our gathering.

Welcome

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Music

Heal Our Land

Tom & Robin Brooks

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* Call to Worship

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

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

One: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

Many: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

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

All: 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.

* Opening Prayer

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will,

respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

* **Opening Song** *Faith of Our Fathers* # 575 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain:

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.*

Verse 2:

The fathers chained in prison cells
were still in heart and conscience free,
and bless'd would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee!

Refrain

Verse 3:

Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life!

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time

Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart* #401 ^{VT}

Open the Eyes of My Heart by Paul Baloche

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Verse:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you. (Repeat)

Refrain:

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy. (Repeat)

Coda:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,

holy, holy, holy, I want to see you. (Repeat)

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

James Kraft, Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corp

The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.

Special Music

For All the Saints

Arr. Jacob B. Weber

SINE NOMINE by Ralph Vaughan Williams

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6: 1-4 NRSVUE

Children and Parents

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² “Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

#393 ^{VT}

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Verse 1:

Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,

like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are your church; we need your pow'r in us.

Verse 2:

We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church; we pray, revive this earth.

Refrain:

*Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire. Win your people back.
Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

Verse 3:

Unleash your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church; we are the hope on earth.

Refrain (2x)

Sermon

“Provoking Children”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Closing Song**

Amazing Grace

#163 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Verse 3:

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Verse 4:

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

* **Benediction**

Sending

You Shall Go Out with Joy

#847 ^{VT}

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands.
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

* Please stand as able and led



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Pastor..... David Whitten	Minister of Music.....Vanessa Morton
Children's Time.....Sarah Hartman	GuitaristDavid Whitten
FlautistSarah Hartman	Media & Tech Dir.Kevin Beers
Special Music.....	Our Handbell Choir

Ann Andrus, Barbara Beers, Gail Rhodes, Ken Heatwole, Kevin Beers,
Sandy Faw, Vanessa Morton, and Sarah Beers, ^{director}