



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday of Pentecost | June 20, 2021

CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Gather in joy. When the chimes toll, let us prepare silently for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Followers of Christ, together, **let us discover the joy of "we" over "me."**

With glad and sincere hearts, **let us worship and praise God.**

*HYMN *When Jesus Called You 'Father'* AURELIA

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)*

**When Jesus called you "Father" in teaching folks to pray,
And when he said we're children who need to trust your way,
O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above.
Perhaps in Joseph's caring, he'd learned to trust your love.**

**Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name.
The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;
And though you're like a father, you're like a mother, too.
No single name can ever tell all we know of you.**

**Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father's joy
When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.
O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own,
Just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home.**

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, **we praise you**, for the life that flows from love when we devote ourselves to you. For the love that flows from the apostles' teaching when it is remembered—**in the preaching and the teaching of your Word**; when it is embraced—**in the fellowship checking-in with each other and giving to anyone who has need**; when it is celebrated—**in the breaking bread together, sharing our meals and stories with a spirit of welcome and acceptance**; when it is held—**in the praying together our thanks, our concerns, and for courage to do what is ours to do in the world**. God of faith, God in community, **we praise you**. Merciful God, make us aware when we pull back our devotion from you and our neighbors, **forgive us**; show us, in our times together, when we let your Story sit on the shelf rather than sit with us, **forgive us**. Hear our prayers of silent confession. *(Silent confession)* Open our hearts, renew our hearts, **that we continue to meet: praising you and devoting our lives to you in places formed by your Word; bringing life from love, by the power of your Spirit, for the good of all. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

... we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. (1 Cor. 15)
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *When Jesus Called You 'Father'* AURELIA

**O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;
Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.
As Jesus called you "Abba," and trusted in your plans,
We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-15 and Mark 10:46-52

MUSIC "The Prayer" arr. Bob Cerulli
Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

SERMON "When You Pray" Rev. Laura Viau

TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TO DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

*HYMN *When Jesus Called You 'Father'* AURELIA

***You hold your children's future when all will be made new.
Your house has many dwellings so we may live with you.
Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.
In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.***

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC

The flowers this morning are given by Larry and Sarah Cook in gratitude to God for for loving fathers and father-figures everywhere.



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