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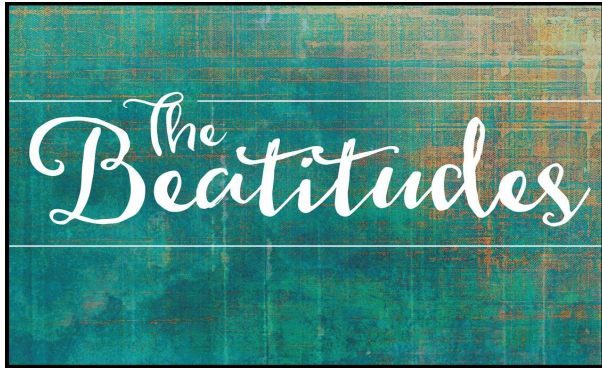
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Fathers' Day

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT - - - Anita Burns, 2021 Conference member

ORGAN PRELUDE - - - - - Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP - - - - - Liturgist, Susan Wilmerink Hanby

On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers and those men who served as fathers, in our families, in our communities, in our churches.

We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture those men 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.

HYMN ----- "Victory in Jesus"

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

(Refrain) O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought me to the victory. *(Refrain)*

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *(Refrain)*

FATHERS' DAY PRESENTATION

THE LORD'S 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN ----- "I've Got Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river, *(2x)* I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, *(2x)* I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, *(2x)* I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, *(2x)* I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

THE BEATTITUDES -----Matthew 5:1-12 (from *The Message*)

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

“Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don’t like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

HYMN ----- “Jesus is All the World to Me”

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, he makes me glad, he’s my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I’ll trust him when life’s fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end.
Eternal life, eternal joy, he’s my friend.

THE BEATTITUDES - - - - Matthew 5:1-12 (*from Revised Standard Version of The Bible*)

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

HYMN - - - - - “There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

There’s within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low;
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life’s ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Feasting on the riches of his grace, resting neath his sheltering wing,
Always looking on his smiling face, that I why I shout and sing.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

SERMON - - - - - “Hey, Dad — It’s Me, Judy” - - - - - Judy Burns

HYMN - - - - - “Marching to Zion”

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

(refrain) We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

The let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground, we’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *(refrain)*

ORGAN POSTLUDE - - - - - Dr. Scott

TWELVE-STEP MEETINGS

AA — 12:00 p.m.
Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays

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NA — 7:00 p.m.
Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

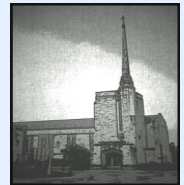


ON-LINE WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

We will continue to post our services on YouTube.

Our members as well as many “visitors” watch and appreciate them!

We will no longer be sending the weekly massed e-mail notice, but instead encourage you to find us either directly on our Facebook page, YouTube page or via the link on www.cfumc.org (click on the sermon title).



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