

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FATHER'S DAY

June 17, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

When forty winters shall besiege thy brow
And dig deep trenches in thy beauty's field,
Thy youth's proud livery, so gazed on now,
Will be a tattered weed, of small worth held.
Then being asked where all thy beauty lies,
Where all the treasure of thy lusty days,
To say within thine own deep-sunken eyes
Were an all-eating shame and thriftless praise.
How much more praise deserved thy beauty's use
If thou couldst answer, "This fair child of mine
Shall sum my count and make my old excuse,"
Proving his beauty by succession thine.

This were to be new made when thou art old,
And see thy blood warm when thou feel'st it cold.

~ William Shakespeare, Sonnet 2

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Prelude (Opus 43, No. 1)
Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

Reinhold Gliere (1875-1956)

WELCOME

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

Sons and Daughters

Bret Stanfill

Before He spoke creation the God of heaven knew our names
Formed in His reflection we are His glory on display
In his heart is good He is always kind
With a cross He proved He is on my side

(cont'd)

We are the sons we are the daughters of God
No matter where we go we're close to the Father's heart
And though we stumble He will not let us fall
We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own
We are the sons we are the daughters of God

His love He lavished on us and called us children of the King
And in His loving kindness He chose the lowly and the weak
In His heart is good He is always kind
With a cross He proved He is on my side

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

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

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

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

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

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.

* HYMN NO. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father, Mother, and Creator of us all, we confess that we have not lived into our potential. We have shied away from the gifts you have given us. We have thought ourselves too small or too weak. We have thought our resources too meager and the risk too great. Forgive us for not seeing ourselves the way you see us, as fully embodied vessels of your love in this world, full of the Spirit. Renew in us your spirit of encouragement, wonder, and joy, and send us forth into this world that desperately needs your love, peace, and justice.

(Time of silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows you. God knows everything about you. You are made in God's image – fearfully and wonderfully created. God needs you in this world. Share this good news by loving your neighbor as yourself. **AMEN**

**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen**

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (We greet each other: "The peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Proverbs 22:6

p. 527

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

p. 938

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Rob Eppes

*HYMN NO. 450

Be Thou My Vision

*LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Thank you, God, for all those who have loved us dearly

For all parental figures in our lives that showed us Your love, we give thanks.

Thank you, God, for those who have stepped into the role when others were absent

For step-fathers and uncles, brothers and caregivers, teachers and coaches who made a difference in our lives, we give thanks.

Thank you, God, for our fathers and grandfathers –

For all those who have mirrored your love in our lives, we give thanks.

We lift up to you, O God, those fathers who have gone on

For those who are grieving, for those who feel an absence on this day, we pray.

We lift up to you, O God, all those who have had difficult relationships with their fathers

For those who were harmed by their fathers and others who should have loved them, we pray, and we cry out, and we seek justice.

(cont'd)

Loving God, you are the one Jesus called “Abba, Father.”

We pray you love us as your children. Remind us that in you we are all family.

You are our Mother and Father and love us in ways humanly impossible.

May we all reflect your image in the ways we love our children, and in how we love one another, knowing that in this world families are not perfect, but your love is.

AMEN

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Good Good Father Anthony Brown & Pat Barrett

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

Refrain: You're a good good father. It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you. It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word (*Refrain*)

Because you are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us (*Refrain*)

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

NO. 607

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have offered us such abundance. We are blessed. Yet, there are times when we think we have little. Thank you for reminding us that even our small gifts may grow beyond our individual possibility. So, today we place before you all amounts of gifts – from coins to bills and checks – knowing that you transform our scarcity into your abundance. Amen.

*HYMN

When Jesus Called You "Father"

(Sung to the tune of NO. 321 *The Church's One Foundation*)

**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.**

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.

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.

text by Carolyn Gillette

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondo (Opus 43, No. 6)

Reinhold Gliere (1875-1956)

Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship after church in the back of the Sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Our desire is to make the worship experience meaningful to all. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Summer Worship for Children: Children are always welcome in worship at Concord. During the summer, we will continue to have a Children's Corner, with coloring, puzzles, and other quiet activities; however, no childcare will be offered. Be sure to join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after church.



Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Al Lund

Ushers: Jim Miller, Dan Voelker

The flowers today are given by Peggy & Dick Carter in honor of and with blessings for our sons, our daughters-in-law, and our dearly loved granddaughter.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Priscilla Swanson

Nancy Tieste, Ashley Tieste

June Tshudy

Nancy Tucker & Fran Ciabattoni

Dan Ciabattoni, Ray Ciabattoni

Pastoral Care: The Rev. Kathie Pownall is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of crisis. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a time. **Pastor Elizabeth Lyman will be on vacation June 11-24.** Please contact Kathie in the event of a pastoral emergency.

Come visit us on Facebook... for photos, announcements, events, and engaging questions. If something catches your eye or touches your heart, “like” it or share it with friends.



Unable to make it to a worship service? Recordings of current sermons are available online at

<http://concordpc.org/service-recordings/>.

Summer Music Programming: Our outstanding Chancel Choir sings regularly in Sunday services September – May. During the summer, they receive a well-deserved respite. We traditionally use this time to foster our own talented musicians with solo and small ensemble opportunities, while also welcoming some highly accomplished professional and aspiring young guest artists. It is our hope and belief that this enhances our ministry and worship experience. The Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals and their regular role as worship music leaders in early September. Until then, enjoy our featured artists!

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Summer Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am-3:00pm

Closed Monday & Friday

Mission Initiative Report

The Mission Initiative has completed its twelve weeks of discernment of God's yearning for Concord and has proposed a ministry focus, organization, and priorities for moving forward. Session has received this report and we are presenting it to you now in the hopes you will read, reflect, and pray on it, and find ways that you fit into the exciting story that is God working out the Gospel at Concord Presbyterian Church. Pick up a copy as you leave church today or visit the [Concord website](#).

Sunday School & Family Activities

CONCORD VBS 2018

July 23-27

9am-12pm

All things bright and
beautiful...



The Lord God made them
ALL!

Registration forms available [online](#) &
in the Church Office.

This will be Concord youth group's second year attending the Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Conference Center in Virginia! Our group of 6 youth and 3 adults are looking forward to being with other youth and adults from across the U.S. exploring the scripture...

Do not fear for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1-2 ...through games, art, sports, and music! Keep these young people and their chaperones in your prayers as they travel and participate **June 21-24**.

Adult Classes

You are invited to attend our **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** which meets **Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge** to discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon.

Faith in Literature – Concord's book group will meet **Monday, June 18, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. Reading assignment: "The Catbird Seat" by James Thurber and "The Schwartz-Metterklume Method" by Saki (H. H. Munro). *Then we'll take the summer off and meet again in September.*

Something New! Concord Vacation Bible School for Adults: **July 23-27, 10:45-11:45am in Jessie's Room**. Come join Pastor Elizabeth for a week of study on the Book of Genesis. Bring your Bibles and your questions.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 17	Father's Day	Rob Eppes preaching
10:30 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	
Monday, June 18		Church Office closed
9:00 am	Diaspora Prayer Group	
1:00 pm	Faith in Literature (hosted by Joyce Johnson)	
Tuesday, June 19		
7:00 pm	New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)	
Wednesday, June 20		
9:30 am	Mug & Muffin (Sanctuary Lounge)	
12:00 pm	Women's AA (Jessie's Room)	
7:00 pm	SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)	
Friday, June 22	Middle School Conference	Church Office closed
5:30 pm	Epiphany House Dinner	
Saturday, June 23	Middle School Conference	
7:00 pm	Step Solutions AA (Fellowship Hall)	
Sunday, June 24	Middle School Conference	Rev. Kathie Pownall preaching
10:30 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	
Monday, June 25		Church Office closed
9:00 am	Diaspora Prayer Group	
Tuesday, June 26		
7:00 pm	New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)	
Wednesday, June 20		
9:30 am	Mug & Muffin (Sanctuary Lounge)	
12:00 pm	Clerk's Mtg. (Library)	
12:00 pm	Women's AA (Jessie's Room)	
7:00 pm	SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)	
7:30 pm	Session (Jessie's Room)	

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