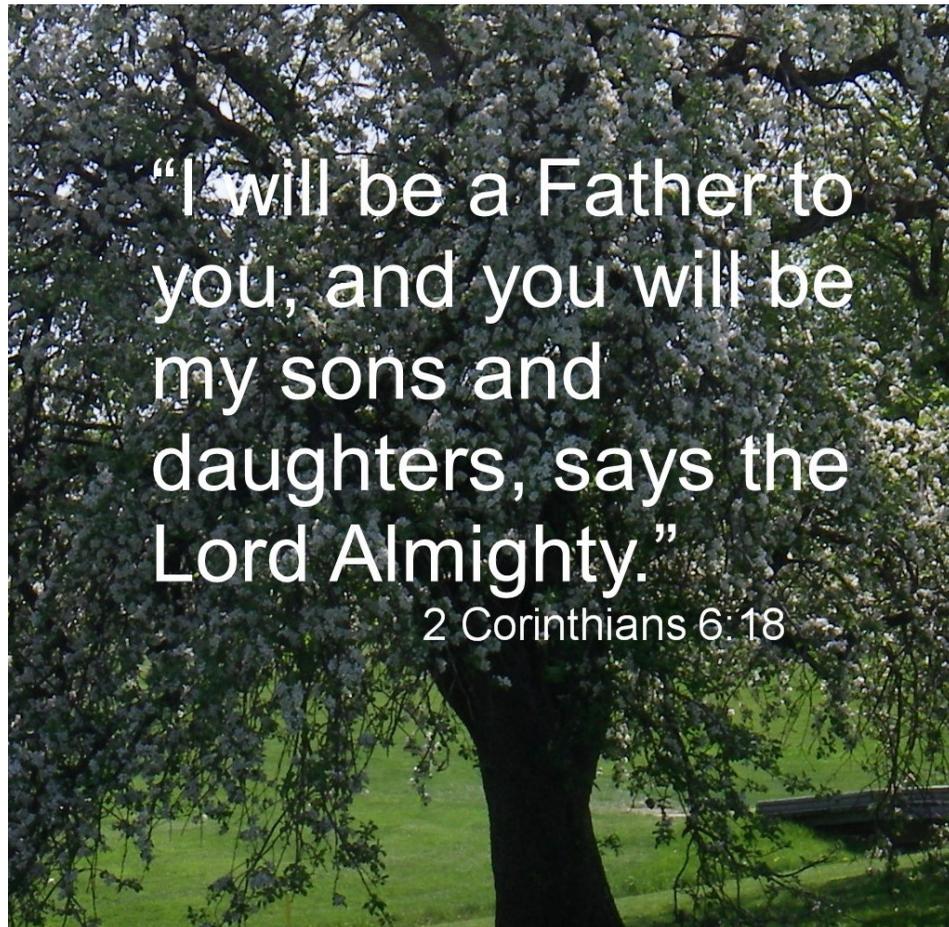


Welcome All  
to  
Sunday Worship Service



“I will be a Father to  
you, and you will be  
my sons and  
daughters, says the  
Lord Almighty.”  
2 Corinthians 6:18

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First Presbyterian Church  
June 20, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 7

*Facemasks are optional for those  
who have been fully vaccinated, but  
you are always welcome to wear your mask  
and you will always be respected.  
Social distancing is still maintained.  
If you wish to sing aloud,  
please sit in the front half of the Sanctuary.*

**Prelude:** Faith of Our Fathers

- Henri F. Hemi, 1865/arr. David b. Hegarty, 1978

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you!**

**Call to Worship**

One: God alone laid the foundations of the earth.  
All: **The morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.**  
One: From the midst of the whirlwind,  
God speaks with power.  
All: **We have seen the deeds of the Lord,  
who commands and raises the stormy wind  
and also makes the storm be still.  
We ourselves have seen  
the wondrous deeds of the Lord!**

**Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

O Lord our God,  
when we cry out to you in distress,  
you bring us through desperate circumstances.  
You can quiet the storm to a whisper  
and hush the sea's waves,  
so great is your power.  
Help us to trust you, then,  
as we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

\* **Opening Hymn:** “God of Our Fathers”

No. 515 (Red)

\* **Invitation to Confession**

Do not accept the grace of God in vain,  
for God has said:

At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.  
Let us confess our sins before God,  
who will listen and help us in our weakness.

\* **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Saving God,  
we confess that our faith is too small,  
our fear is too great.  
When we are overwhelmed,  
we think you do not care enough for us.  
When life is uncertain and risky,  
we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.  
Even when you move among us in powerful ways,  
we question who you are.  
Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.  
Teach us to trust in your power to save  
and guide us in every circumstance.  
Grant us your peace,  
which is clearly beyond our understanding.  
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\* **Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* **Assurance of Pardon**

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls.  
Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey.  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\* **Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

**Glory 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.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God,  
we know that our own words lack knowledge  
whenever we try to speak  
of you or to you.  
Yet we are drawn into your presence  
and desire to understand all your mysteries.  
So now, by the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
speak your words and we will listen carefully,  
responding in awe and gratitude.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 107:1-3, 22-32

P.P. 599-560 in the Old Testament

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;  
they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.  
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;  
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits’ end.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;  
he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

**Anthem:** He

- Richard Mullan/Jack Richards, 1954

*Duet by Becky Richter and Linda Patterson*

**Second Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

P.P. 181-182 in the New Testament

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**Sermon:** “When We Are Right”

Rev. Jim DeMent

2 Corinthians 5:2: See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

*Silence and stillness*

\* **Congregational Hymn:** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

No. 562

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

- “*The Sacred Harp*”, 1844

\* **Doxology** (*unison*)

\* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

How grateful we are, O God,  
that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit,  
who fills us with patience and generosity  
and genuine love.

We pray that all we return to you  
will be used faithfully  
in ministry to the world.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

\* **Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

\* **Closing Hymn** (*unison*): “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

No. 478

\* **Charge** (*unison*)

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Earth and All Stars

- *David N. Johnson, 1968*



## God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay;  
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease,  
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
All travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

<b>Kathryn Amsler</b>	<b>Gloria Aouelle</b>	<b>Lorraine Carpenter</b>	<b>Kathleen McCameron</b>
<b>Leonard “Mac” McCameron</b>	<b>Nathan Galvan</b> (Son of Leila Galvan)	<b>Roland Merrill</b>	
<b>Jere Swoboda</b> (Prior FPC Members)	<b>Carol Wisdom</b> (Daughter of Lea Lenz)		

**For caregiving concerns—please contact:  
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### FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

#### Sunday, June 27

10:30 AM Worship Service

*A copy of our  
“COVID-19 Pandemic  
Public Health and Safety Protocols  
for In-Person Gatherings  
at the Church  
Updated on the Day of Pentecost  
May 23, 2021”  
can be obtained as you enter the church  
or at our website:  
[www.fpcofvictoria.org](http://www.fpcofvictoria.org).*

### FPC Victoria Servant Leadership Session Members

Jim DeMent, Moderator  
Jack Kleinecke, Clerk of Session  
John Horadam, Worship  
Billy Leske, Building & Grounds  
Lynn McAuley, Caregiving & Fellowship  
Dawn Neel, Christian Education  
Susan Salinas, Worship  
Jim Stokes, Treasurer, Finance  
Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship  
Bonnie Wilkinson, Asst. Clerk, Mission & Outreach

#### Other

Paula Leske, Presbyterian Women  
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School  
Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,  
Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School  
Henry Hauschild, Historian

### Pastor's Notes

Happy Fathers' Day to all those who are a father, or like a father (we are looking at you, teachers, coaches, scout leaders, counselors, etc.), to a child!

Biblically, we are called upon to pray to God as “Our Father, who art in heaven.” And that is all well and correct. Theologically, however, God has no gender. What we understand from Jesus about his Father, regardless of gender, is that ours is a God of love, grace, and mercy, although God's qualities also include guidance, discipline, and leadership away from sin and into righteousness. Of course, these are worthy qualities of human fathers as well, and today we pause to pray for the men who labor, or who have labored, to raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. May God strengthen them and bless them for the task, and may we praise them and thank them for their selfless sacrifices for the welfare of the children whom God brings into their lives.

### Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster  
Tasha Wolf, Office Administrator

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