

¡Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

My friends, this Sunday is Father's Day, and I hope we don't forget to thank God for putting our fathers in our lives, whether they are living or dead. However, I am also aware that many people have difficult relationships with their fathers. For this reason, I think Father's Day should not just be a time to give thanks, but to pray for healing in those broken relationships that people often have with their fathers. Finally, I think Father's Day (and for that matter, Mother's Day, too), are also important occasions to seek healing in those difficult family relationships while our family members are still alive. I know from experience that few things in life are more painful than burying someone in your family knowing that there were important things left unsaid. It is never easy to heal a broken relationship, but you can make a start on a day like Father's Day with a simple phone call, an email, or a card.

In addition to Father's Day, I also want to remind you that Monday is Juneteenth. I hope that you will use this day not just to celebrate the end of slavery in the United States, but to remember that the battle against the cruel and inhumane system of slavery is far from over. In our world, there are still more than 40 million people who are still enslaved in some way. Even when people are enslaved in the remote corners of the world, we would do well to remember the words of Martin Luther King when he said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Let us pledge together to work and pray for the day when no one in this world is a slave, because until that day comes, everyone's liberty is threatened.

For our worship this Sunday, our scripture readings will be Genesis 21: 1-7 and Romans 5: 1-8. My sermon is titled "What's So Funny?" I look forward to being with you at 9:30am either in the sanctuary or over Zoom.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich