

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Faith of Our Fathers" / Hemy, Mansfield

"Boundless Grace" / Paxton

"This is My Father's World" / Sheppard, Purifoy

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day" / Webster, Purifoy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 86

One: Come, people of God, follow Christ with courage and faith.

All: We hear Christ's call, yet we still hold onto fear.

One: The One who calls you knows every hair on your head.

All: We come even with fear in our hearts.

One: *Do not be afraid; you are precious in God's sight.*

All: We lift up our soul to be guarded by God.

One: Be devoted to the Lord, who guides your heart and mind.

All: Let us worship the God in whom we trust and adore.

*HYMN #6 + HFG *"This Is My Father's World"*

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 PETER 2

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Triune God, You call us to take up our cross and follow. Yet we confess that we prefer to choose the easier path. We fear conflict, we avoid hard conversations, we shrink back from costly love. You ask us to trust You over our comfort or a need for approval. Forgive us when fear rules our decisions and when self-protection silences our witness.

This Is My Father's World

*The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. . . . — Psalm 24:1*TERRA BEATA
English Melody

Maltbie D. Babcock

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears
2 This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car-ols raise,
3 This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

1 All na-ture sings, and 'round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.
2 The morn-ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak-er's praise.
3 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

1 This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
2 This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat-tle is not done; Je -

1 rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the won-ders wrought.
2 rus - tling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev-ery-where.
3 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive us, when we turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set a path forward as we take up our cross
and follow you.

***Give us courage to follow Christ faithfully, to speak truth with grace,
and to feely offer compassion. With Your help, we will live our faith in
your grace. We pray counting on your divine grace, in Jesus' name.
Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Matthew 10

One: *Hear the good news: Not even a sparrow falls without God's
care. You are worth more than many sparrows. God's mercy
is deeper than our fear and stronger than our failures.
In Christ you are forgiven.*

***All: Praise God, In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!***

PASSING THE PEACE

***RESPONSE #323 vs 1 + HFG "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!"**

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MATTHEW 28

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:24-34

WHOM TO FEAR

*Jesus challenges His disciples and prepares them for missionary work. He
warns them to expect rejection and persecution, promises God's vigilant
care, and states that absolute allegiance to Him must take precedence
over all else—even familial bonds. He reminds us not to fear those who*

can only kill the physical body, but rather to fear God, who holds eternal power. Jesus reassures the disciples that God knows everything about them, down to counting the hairs on their heads. Because God values human life far more than birds.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

KIDS KIRK

NICOLE BARLASS

Children are invited to come up to the chancel

"This Little Light of Mine"

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE SWANSON

THE EPISTLE

MATTHEW 10:35-39

NOT PEACE, BUT A SWORD

Jesus states, "I have come not to bring peace, but a sword," meaning His message of truth will disrupt social harmony and households. Jesus demands absolute priority, which seems harsh. Jesus requires believers

to willingly endure hardship and follow Him. He summarizes the ultimate paradox of the Christian faith: Those who try to save their own comfortable lives will lose their true purpose, but those who lose their lives for His sake will truly find them.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

“Faith for a Fearful World”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

***HYMN #564 + HFG “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

The Great Thanksgiving

John 20

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us offer our thanks to God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to the Father...we lift our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Praise to the Son...the way to life everlasting.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and one another. Make us one body, many members with many gifts. In the Spirit, bless our faith community.

Praise to the Holy Spirit...of your kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

***RESPONSE #458, vs.1 + HFG**

"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"

***"Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee; Take my hands and let
them move at the impulse of thy love;
at the impulse of thy love."***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MATTHEW 10

Father God, we come with grateful hearts with thanksgiving. We give thanks for the gift of creation, for Jesus, our Lord, and for your Spirit who guides us. We offer our gifts as a way of saying thank you. Take these gifts and our lives to bring hope where there is fear, healing where there is hurt, and welcome where there is loneliness. Make us bold in love and generous in mercy. May they reflect our trust in your promise and our willingness to follow. Amen.

***HYMN #337 + HFG " PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

" God of Our Fathers" | Warren, Keveren

Let Us Break Bread Together

He took bread and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

LET US BREAK BREAD

American Folk Hymn

— Luke 24:30

American Folk Melody

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 *Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;*
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 *Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;*
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

For then shalt thou have delight in the Almighty.

— Job 22:26

Joachim Neander
Tr. by Catherine WinkworthLOBE DEN HERREN
"Stralsund Gesangbuch"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

1 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 2 Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!
 3 Sure - ly His good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 4 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

1 All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near;
 2 Hast thou not seen How all thy long - ings have been
 3 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,
 4 Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain:

1 Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 2 Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 3 If with His love He be - friend thee.
 4 Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him. A - men.

****Please remember to wear your name tags****

If you do not have one, notify the office and we will have one made for you.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Bold text said in unison

* Please stand if you are able.

+ GG- *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*

+ HFG – *Hymns for the Family of God*

+ SF – *Sing the Faith*, small blue hymnal

- Audio enhancements, larger print Bibles & bulletins, and children's resources are available

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Vicki Ott, Jeri Torpy

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting or seeking a church home,

we invite you to explore all that happens in the life and ministry of this church. Speak to our pastor or someone next to you for more information. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

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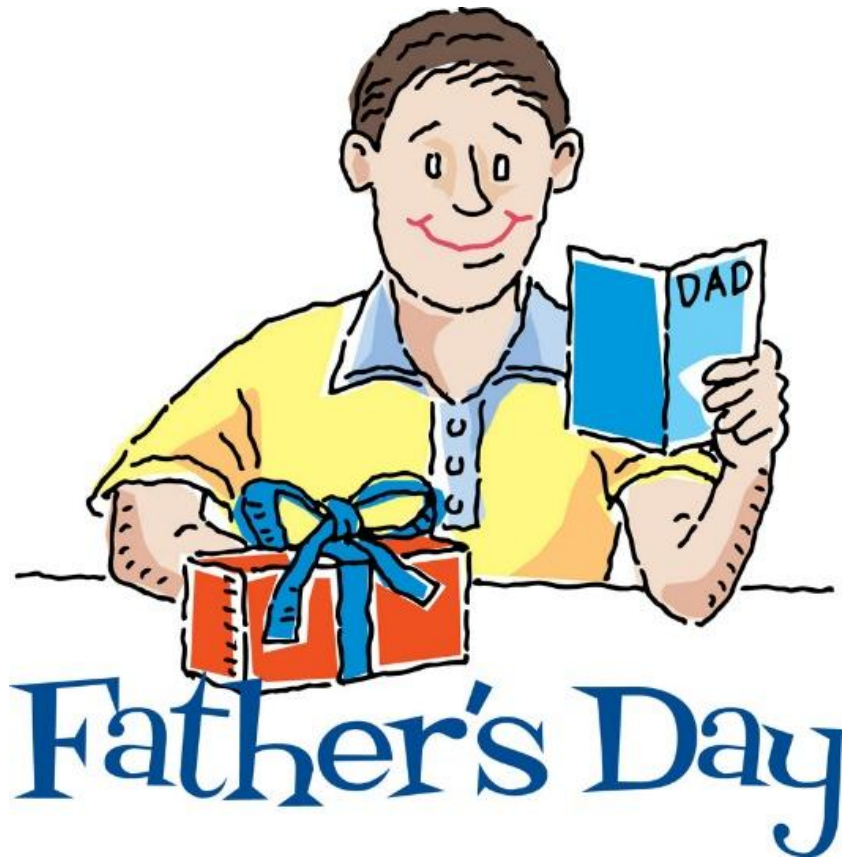
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Father's Day

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