

Presbyterian Men Sunday – Father’s Day – June 21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 7/12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Through our baptism, we are dead to sin.

**Now we are alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Let us worship God.

**SONG**                      “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”                      GtG #435

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of strength and courage, in Jesus Christ you set us free from sin and death, and call us to the risk of faith and service. Give us grace to follow him who gave himself for others, that, by our service, we may find the life he came to bring.

**Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*At the baptismal font:*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*Lifting water from the font:*

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**                      “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”                      GtG #832

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*At the lectern or pulpit:*

Let us pray:

**Spirit of wisdom and truth, pour out your grace upon us as we listen for the living Word, that our hearts may be set on fire and our lives proclaim your deeds of power. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 21:8-21

**SONG**

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

GtG #661

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 10:24-39

**SERMON**

Suggestion: Talk about the failure of Abraham as a father, and about God’s redemption of the situation. Then talk about the value of each of us, in spite of our failures and challenges that overwhelm us.

Personal testimonies from some men in your church might be appropriate here.

“...if you forget about yourself and look to me, you’ll find both yourself and me.” (Matt. 10:39 *The Message*)

Men of the church, take up your cross.

**SONG**

“Let It Be Said of Us” by Steve Fry

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**

**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MAN OF THE YEAR (OR OTHER RECOGNITION OF MEN IN SERVICE TO THE CHURCH)**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . .

As we have been united in Christ's death, let us be one in the joy of resurrection—set free to take up the cross and follow. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . .

Spring up with your surprising grace in the wilderness and wasteland. Be merciful to the earth you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . .

Where old family feuds divide nations and close neighbors are worlds apart, give blessing; put an end to hate and fear. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . .

Redeem those who are mocked and mistreated. Restore those who are cursed and cast aside. Hold them in your hands and save them from evil. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . .

Draw near to those who are in distress; deliver those whose lives are sinking in despair. Answer them with the abundance of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

## **OFFERTORY**

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace.

**Amen.**

(LORD'S SUPPER - if it is to be celebrated)

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **SONG**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

GtG #738

## **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Alleluia!**

Go therefore and make disciples. The Lord is with you always.

**Amen.**

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