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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 18, 2023**

PRELUDE

“His Eye is on the Sparrow” *Arr. Hayes & Gaspard*

INTROIT

“Praise to the Lord” *Bell Choir*

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 68:4-5, 19) Christine Longhurst

Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in his presence! For he is our God: a Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection; the One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!

Let's worship God together!

*** HYMN #141**

Children of the Heavenly Father

SHARING OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER-LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN #71**

Gloria Patri

RESPONSIVE READING

A Litany for Father's Day (from The United Church of Mapleton, MN)

Leader: Let us praise those fathers who have sought to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

People: Let us praise those fathers who, without a good model for a father, have worked to become good fathers.

Leader: Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

People: Let us praise those fathers who have adopted children, and whose love and support

have offered new life.

Leader: Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and always strive for their stepchildren's love and respect.

People: Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Leader: Let us praise those men who have no children but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

People: Let us praise those men who have fathered us in their role as mentors and guides.

Leader: Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers and pray that they may they openly delight in their children.

People: And let us praise fathers who have died, but always live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

All: Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Bell Choir

OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

“Our Father in Heaven”

J. S. Bach

*** DOXOLOGY & BLESSING**

*** HYMN**

Mothering God (*see insert*)

SLIDE PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:5-12; Matthew 25:14-21

SERMON

In His Footsteps

*** CLOSING HYMN # 77**

How Great Thou Art

*** BENEDICTION**

*** UNISON BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

by Bob Kilpatrick

In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

POSTLUDE

“Rock of Ages”

Today we welcome Rev. Wendy DeMott Fambro to the pulpit.

Wendy is an ordained American Baptist minister who, after serving a variety of churches and campus ministries, retired 2 years ago. She now works full-time teaching tai chi and wellness classes to older adults in the Finger Lakes region

Next week we welcome Bob Donius.

Bob and his wife Kim arrived in 1994 to Alfred, where he served as campus minister at St. Jude's for both Alfred University and Alfred State College for nine years. He was then recruited by St. Bonaventure University to serve as their Vice President for Ministries and after nine years was asked to join the Theology and Franciscan Studies faculty full time. He retired from that work two years ago and continues to serve as director of SBU's summer study abroad program in Italy.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher..... Rev. Wendy Fambro
Worship Leader..... Sharon B. Smith
Slide Presentation Larry Casey
Flowers..... Larry & Jan Casey
Greeter Regina Burke
Coffee Hour Regina Burke
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
SoloistKarrie Edwards
Usher..... Jan Porter
Zoom Hosts..... Tech Team

- Nutrition Site at 11:30 am on Monday May 8, Tuesday May 9, and Thursday May 11
- Boy Scouts at 6 pm on Tuesday May 9
- Book Group at 12 pm on Wednesday May 10
- Elders Meeting at 4 pm on Wednesday May 10
- Knit Night at 6 pm on Thursday May 11
- AA Meeting at 7 pm on Friday May 12

Looking Ahead

June 25, 2023

Guest Preacher..... Bob Donius
Worship Leader..... Brian Deck
Flowers..... Sharon B. Smith
Greeter Bob Heineman
Coffee Hour Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
OrganLaurel Buckwalter
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
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NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Dale Watson, Dennis Stillwell (Laurel Buckwalter's brother)

Note: Please be sure that people wish to be included on our prayer list before adding their names. Long-term Prayer Concerns will continue to be listed in This Week @ UUC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Save the Date!** There will be a picnic to honor Beth and Lyle Slack on Sunday July 16.
- **Schedule of Guest Preachers:** Despite the unexpected departure of Pastor Louise due to the need for immediate knee surgery, we can look forward to Sunday worship with music and preaching each week as usual. The Board of Elders has assembled a schedule of guest preachers for each week through November of this year. You can view the schedule of Guest Preachers and Lay Leaders on the [UUC website](#).

JUNE LEADERS

Deacon	Jenella Bellows
Elder	John Buckwalter
Fellowship.....	TBD
Trustee.....	Michele Hluchy
BOCE.....	TBD

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH **Equal Justice Initiative**

The EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the US, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. Please make checks out to UUC with EJI in the memo line

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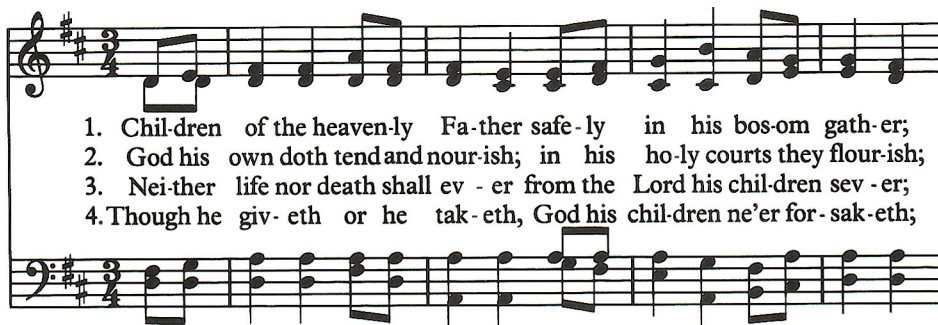
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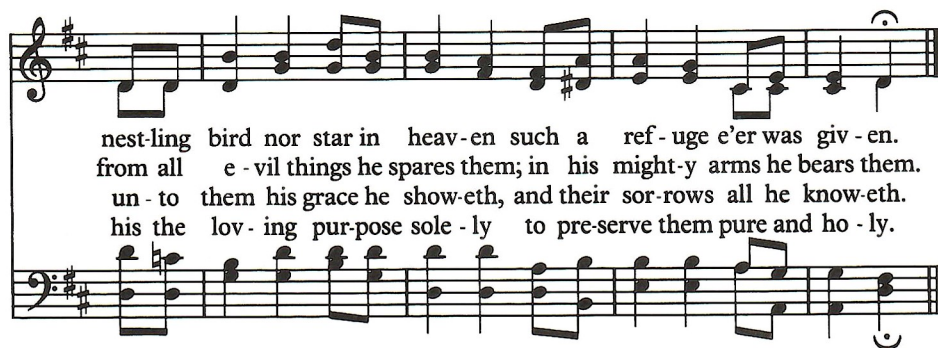
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Children of the Heavenly Father 141



1. Chil-dren of the heav-enly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish; in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish;
3. Nei-ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4. Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth;



nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.
from all e - vil things he spares them; in his might-y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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426 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ARMS OF PATIENCE LM

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, Source of
 me your food of light, grain of ___ life and
 pa - tience hold me close so that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

*Chord symbols for unison singing only; they do not correspond with the vocal harmonies.

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How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the ^{*}worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the ^{*}roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

**Authors's original words are "works" and "mighty."*

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

Irr. with Refrain

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!