

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
June 16, 2024 – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews / Tyler Hago

A BLESSING OF FATHERS AND OTHER IMPORTANT MEN

Loving God, we remember how Jesus called out to You on earth. We thank You for all the male figures in our lives who have shared Your love with us. We ask that You guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be. We seek Your forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short, for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing. Grant Your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures to love their children as You have loved Your children. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank You, God, for our fathers and grandfathers.

For those who have mirrored Your love in our lives, we give thanks.

Thank You, God, for those who stepped into the fatherly role.

For step-fathers, uncles, brothers, caregivers, teachers, and coaches who made a difference in our lives, we give thanks.

We lift up to You, O God, those fathers who have gone on.

For those who are grieving,

for those who feel an absence on this day, we pray.

We lift up to You, O God, all those who have had difficult relationships with their fathers.

May their pain be eased, and may they know God's embrace.

We ask God's blessing, as a father loves a child.

Amen.

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

*Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whom Jesus called "Abba," You know what is right for us. But, too often, we want things our way or no way, instead of Your way. Have mercy on us when we turn from You. Forgive us when we do not realize Your love and direction for all of us. Teach us anew how to follow You, as we pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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 CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank You, God, for meeting us in our need. We give so that others might respond to the Good News of Your love. With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank You, God, for Your steadfast love that endures forever. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4:1-17
Ephesians 6:1-4

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Father’s Gift”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 293

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.*

*Our God has made this world. Oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

Food Pantry

This month, we are in need of the following items: Spam, cereal, rice, canned peas, carrots, potatoes, spinach, black beans, canned chicken, chunky soups, canned peaches, pineapple and mandarin oranges. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Follow-up to the Craig Schulman Concert (from Pastor Ann)

I am beyond grateful to *all* of you for making Sunday's concert the huge success that it was. The expressions on the faces of our magnificent audience will stay etched on my heart for a long time to come.

To Fran Roberts, who conceived the idea of a fund-raising concert; who pushed us so far "out of the box" that I'm not even sure where that box *is* any more (and I suspect she did the same for her students); who arranged for Craig to perform, and who came out of retirement to accompany him.

To Craig Schulman, who gave a concert far beyond our expectations; who brought a level of professionalism into our Sanctuary that we have probably never seen before; who gave us a peek into his personal life during the question-and-answer time; who taught us that if you really want something, you must be willing to devote your life 100% to attaining that goal. (BTW, we will be staying in touch with Craig to keep him apprised of our progress.)

To our Organ Committee: Fran Roberts (Logistics and Musical Advisor), Marian Adams (Planning and Publicity), Debbie Eitel (Publicity and Reception), Jim Dean (Treasurer), and me (Coordinator and Tickets).

To Jim Dean, Tim Dean, and Irene Lang, who spent countless hours getting a "buy tickets" button installed on our website.

To Larry Foray and Debbie Eitel, who spruced up the garden near the new fence so it would look nice as people drove in. They also set up and decorated CE Hall - it looked wonderful!

To Debbie Eitel, who operated the sound system and arranged the after-concert reception.

To those who helped Debbie with the reception: Arlissa Dean, Larry Foray.

To Jim Dean and Pam Ryan, who helped Arlissa, Debbie, and Larry with post-reception clean-up

To Pam Ryan, who also helped to fold programs; to Jill Wilson, who closed up the Sanctuary after the concert.

To Marian Adams, who, in addition to all of her work on the Organ Committee, wrote a beautiful essay for The Steeple Chimes, folded programs, helped with tickets, and was our "Girl Friday" the day of the concert.

To Jack Knight, who set up the sound system several weeks ago, and was "on call" during the pre-concert sound check.

To Jane Longstreet, who passed out programs.

To the anonymous donor who paid to have the piano tuned, to Leonora Knight who arranged for the tuning, and to Larry Foray who opened the building that day.

To everyone who purchased tickets, donated funds, attended the concert, and drove family and friends to the concert.

Now for the "Bean Counter" report.

These are not final figures, but they're as close as I have right now. I think there are a few more donations coming in.

34 tickets @ \$40 = \$1,360

51 tickets @ \$65 = \$3,315

Donations \$1,255 (Some of the donors asked that their donations be used for complimentary tickets. That was done.)

Total: \$5,930

This is 11.86% of our goal of \$50,000.

We also have pledges of \$6,100.

This brings us to slightly over 24% of the way to our goal. We're almost a quarter of the way there!

"Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Church QR Code

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website should pop up.



Fundraising Concerts for New Organ

Here is the tentative concert schedule:

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.

"Brahms - A German Requiem"

by the Greater Huntington Festival Chorus

Frances C. Roberts, Conductor

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

"Baroque to Broadway (With a Few Stops In Between)"

With Barbara Fusco and Melissa Maravell

Summer Get-Together at the "Greenport Parsonage"

Save the date! Pastor Ann would like to invite her Church Family to the "Greenport Parsonage" for a Summer Get Together on *Saturday, August 3 at 3:00 p.m.* Details to come – please mark your calendar!

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