

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

JUNE 18, 2023

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FATHER'S DAY

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE:** GOOD GOOD FATHER  
RUN TO THE FATHER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

LEADER: OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR FATHERS ARE COMPLICATED.

**PEOPLE: FOR SOME OF US, OUR FATHER'S LOVE**

**IS LIKE GOD'S LOVE -- TOO DEEP, TOO LONG, TOO WIDE, STRONG TO MEASURE.**

LEADER: SOME OF OUR DADS ARE HERE; SOME WERE NEVER HERE.

**PEOPLE: FOR SOME OF US, GOD'S LOVE FILLS IN THE EMPTY SPACES OUR FATHERS LEFT BEHIND.**

LEADER: ALL OF US ARE SHAPED BY THE RELATIONSHIP OR LACK OF RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FATHERS.

***ALL: ON THIS DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE A FATHER OR BE A FATHER, WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE PLEDGE AS A CONGREGATION TO LOVE AND NURTURE THE FATHERS AMONG US SO THAT THEY WILL MANIFEST THE LOVE OF GOD IN ALL THAT THEY DO.***

**\*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):**

*Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH MARTHA GILL**

This, this is where children belong.  
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.  
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.  
This is where children belong.

**\*A SONG OF PREPARATION: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD  
WITH RECOGNITION OF MEN**

**UMH 144**

**SCRIPTURE: LUKE 15:11-32 (NRSV):**

11 THEN JESUS SAID, "THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD TWO SONS. 12 THE YOUNGER OF THEM SAID TO HIS FATHER, 'FATHER, GIVE ME THE SHARE OF THE WEALTH THAT WILL BELONG TO ME.' SO HE DIVIDED HIS ASSETS BETWEEN THEM. 13 A FEW DAYS LATER THE YOUNGER SON GATHERED ALL HE HAD AND TRAVELED TO A DISTANT REGION, AND THERE HE SQUANDERED HIS WEALTH IN DISSOLUTE LIVING. 14 WHEN HE HAD SPENT EVERYTHING, A SEVERE FAMINE TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THAT REGION, AND HE BEGAN TO BE IN NEED. 15 SO HE WENT AND HIRED HIMSELF OUT TO ONE OF THE CITIZENS OF THAT REGION, WHO SENT HIM TO HIS FIELDS TO FEED THE PIGS. 16 HE WOULD GLADLY HAVE FILLED HIS STOMACH WITH THE PODS THAT THE PIGS WERE EATING, AND NO ONE GAVE HIM ANYTHING. 17 BUT WHEN HE CAME TO HIS SENSES HE SAID, 'HOW MANY OF MY FATHER'S HIRED HANDS HAVE BREAD ENOUGH AND TO SPARE, BUT HERE I AM DYING OF HUNGER! 18 I WILL GET UP AND GO TO MY FATHER, AND I WILL SAY TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU; 19 I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON; TREAT ME LIKE ONE OF YOUR HIRED HANDS.'" 20 SO HE SET OFF AND WENT TO HIS FATHER. BUT WHILE HE WAS STILL FAR OFF, HIS FATHER SAW HIM AND WAS FILLED WITH COMPASSION; HE RAN AND PUT HIS ARMS AROUND HIM AND KISSED HIM. 21 THEN THE SON SAID TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU; I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON.' 22 BUT THE FATHER SAID TO HIS SLAVES, 'QUICKLY, BRING OUT A ROBE—THE BEST ONE—AND PUT IT ON HIM; PUT A RING ON HIS FINGER AND SANDALS ON HIS FEET. 23 AND GET THE FATTED CALF AND KILL IT, AND LET US EAT AND CELEBRATE, 24 FOR THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE AGAIN; HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND!' AND THEY BEGAN TO CELEBRATE. 25 "NOW HIS ELDER SON WAS IN THE FIELD, AND AS HE CAME AND APPROACHED THE HOUSE, HE HEARD MUSIC AND DANCING. 26 HE CALLED ONE OF THE SLAVES AND ASKED WHAT WAS GOING ON. 27 HE REPLIED, 'YOUR BROTHER HAS COME, AND YOUR FATHER HAS KILLED THE FATTED CALF BECAUSE HE HAS GOT HIM BACK SAFE AND SOUND.' 28 THEN HE BECAME ANGRY AND REFUSED TO GO IN. HIS FATHER CAME OUT AND BEGAN TO PLEAD WITH HIM. 29 BUT HE ANSWERED HIS FATHER, 'LISTEN! FOR ALL THESE YEARS I HAVE BEEN WORKING LIKE A SLAVE FOR YOU, AND I HAVE NEVER DISOBEYED YOUR COMMAND, YET YOU HAVE NEVER GIVEN ME EVEN A YOUNG GOAT SO THAT I MIGHT CELEBRATE WITH MY FRIENDS. 30 BUT WHEN THIS SON OF YOURS CAME BACK, WHO HAS DEVoured YOUR ASSETS WITH PROSTITUTES, YOU KILLED THE FATTED CALF FOR HIM!' 31 THEN THE FATHER SAID TO HIM, 'SON, YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME, AND ALL THAT IS MINE IS YOURS. 32 BUT WE HAD TO CELEBRATE AND REJOICE, BECAUSE THIS BROTHER OF YOURS WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE; HE WAS LOST AND HAS BEEN FOUND.' "

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

**Yes, we believe it.**

**MESSAGE: FATHER KNOWS BEST**

**REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE**



# Cross Roads United Methodist Church

Rev. Dustin McCune, Pastor

June 18, 2023

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

**\*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.

**\*A SONG OF INVITATION: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS** UMH 710

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Studies:** We will take a break from Tuesday Bible Study and Wednesday Bible Study /Dinner during the summer. We will resume in the fall.

**WNK:** Wednesday Night Kids will continue to meet each Wednesday during the summer.

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*To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: Newborn to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

\*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE