

**2 God's image is in us, the people of creation.
No matter where we live, we share a close relation.
God's covenant is sure, eternal word for all
who follow in God's way and answer to God's call.**

**3 God never turns from us, not even in our sinning.
God loves and waits for us to claim a new beginning.
By opening our hearts, we then prepare the way
for God's love to come in and guide us ev'ry day.**

**4 I thank God for that love and all the world around me,
the seen and unseen things and promised things that will be.
Through worship, trust, and prayer, may I reflect God's will.
Let love be seen in me as I God's word fulfill.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7: 8-11

Glenn Duroucher, Reader

8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? 10 Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? 11 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR

"I Am Here"

Pamela Stewart/ Brad Nix

John Albert Dubinski on cello

THE MESSAGE

A TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

"How much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" v. 11b

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Karen

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
 bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
 against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

FATHERS DAY SPECIAL THANK YOU

We thank you for your examples of faith-filled fatherhood.

***HYMN #508 "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom"**

**1 Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the picking of the fruit;
 faith can feel the thrill of harvest when the buds begin to sprout.**

**2 Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun.
 Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.**

**3 Long before the rains were coming, Noah went and built an ark.
 Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the light beyond the dark.**

**4 Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea,
 and the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.**

**5 Faith believes that God is faithful: God will be what God will be!
 Faith accepts the call, responding, "I am willing, Lord, send me."**

***BENEDICTION**

As you go from here, remember this: Because of the work of the Holy Spirit within us, we are sons and daughters of God. We have been adopted into his family; God is truly our Father. And if we are God's children, we are His heirs, and fellow heirs with Christ.

So go in peace and confidence, knowing that the love of God, our Father, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit goes with us. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able.**

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God by Joan Olszewski.

The rose on the altar is given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, John Rotter by Louise Woodcox.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 20	10 AM	Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group
	7 PM	Zoom Church Council Meeting
Sunday, June 19	10 AM	WORSHIP
Monday, June 27	10 AM	Zoom Prayer/Discussion

THE EIGHT TRAITS OF GOOD FATHERS!

A good father is a d_____.

A good father understands his children will make m_____.

A good father exhibits o_____.

A good father teaches his children a_____.

A good father spends t_____ with his children.

A good father leads by e_____.

A good father c_____ his children.

A good father shows u_____ l_____.

NEW ADDRESS FOR GEORGETTE PIERCE

Georgette Pierce's new address is Bently Assisted Living, 3 Phillips Road, Apartment 211, Branchville, NJ 07826. Her phone number remains 973-256-6259.