

Sunday
June 20, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg



Plain print indicates the worship leader.
Bold print indicates the people.

Gathering

Opening Prayer — from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer from the Book Jesus Used: Psalm 9:9-20

⁹The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. ¹⁰And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. ¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. ¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. ¹³Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. ¹⁵The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. ¹⁶The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. ¹⁷The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. ¹⁹Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. ²⁰Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human.

Glorify the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: #577 God of Grace and God of Glory

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18

For Kids of All Ages: "David Kills Goliath" — 1 Samuel 17

Sermon: "No Way, Yahweh!"



Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.

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Monday-Thursday
9:00-1:00



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Hymn: #514 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Great God, your church gathers near and far,
locally and internationally, to hear from you,
to meet with you, to bear witness to the
evidence of your good works today.

Whether we find ourselves in this moment
filled with gratitude and love or anxiety and
distrust, out of faithfulness, we are here to
thank you, to worship the One who helps us
in our unbelief, grateful for your many
blessings, seen and unseen.

God of creation, you call each one of us
blessed. No matter our identity, you name
us beloved. You declare us worthy.

Anchored in the truth of your radical ac-
ceptance and love, embolden us to be a
church that is truly the house of God, pro-
claiming loudly and faithfully that all are
loved by the one, true God, now and al-
ways.

Help us to be a prophetic voice of hope for a
people too often lonely and tired.

Called to loving relationship with our brothers,
sisters, and friends in Christ, we ask that
you send your Holy Spirit, which brings
unity and welcome, never division.

Compassionate God, enliven our senses
such that we might recognize your pres-
ence in every person we encounter. Open
our ears so that we may hear you in the
myriad voices outside the doors of this
building.

Clear our vision so that we may perceive your
character, your life, on every face we see.
Softener our hearts such that our own spirit
would kneel before your Holy Spirit who
dwells in every human.

Gracious God, we pray that you would help
us as we strive to be a church busy about
your kingdom.

On this day set aside to honor fathers, we
pray honestly, without sentimentality. We
humbly ask for your blessing:

For those who do not know who their father
is, may you have peace in the not knowing.
May your longing for a father be satisfied in
God the Father. May spiritual fathers come
alongside you to fill that earthly father's
role.

For those with absent, abusive, or strained
father relationships, may you find healing

for the hurts and restoration for the needs
fathers are supposed to fulfill. May you find
courage to be honest yet honoring about
your father.

For those who have lost their fathers, may
you be comforted in your mourning. May
you remember the good, heal from the bad,
and find spiritual fathers that fill in the gaps.

For those with good father relationships, may
the years be long as you treasure every
moment with your dad. May your children's
children reap the benefits of your relation-
ship.

For men who long to be fathers, may your
longing be satisfied and your waiting be
short. May your father's heart be recog-
nized regardless of if you have children.

For fathers of children they may never know,
may your father's heart still be felt by your
children. May you have opportunity to make
right any mistakes you made in the past.

For fathers who have had their children taken
from them, may you be filled with for-
giveness for yourself and whoever was
involved in taking your children. May you
still be honored as the father you are.

For men who have stepped up to father an-
other's children, may your children honor
and receive you well. May the modifiers of
adoptive-, foster-, step-, or otherwise seem
unnecessary in the light of your fathering
presence.

For men and women who have pulled double
duty being the primary caretakers of their
grandchildren, may you have a double
portion of grace to carry such weight alone.

For fathers who have lost children, may you
find comfort in your mourning. May you
forgive yourself for blame that was never
yours to carry. May your children live on in
the memories you cherish and the loved
ones they left behind.

For fathers of estranged children, may the
wounds that brought distance be healed.
May you forgive and be forgiven. May the
years lost be restored.

For men who are scared to become fathers,
may you be filled with confidence and cour-
age in who you were created to be. May the
wounds from your own father be redeemed
in your own fatherhood.

For fathers who are afraid they are not

enough, may you be honored for all that you are and filled where you are lacking. May you rest in knowing your all will always be enough.

For fathers who have been abusive or absent, may you forgive yourself and receive forgiveness from those you have hurt. May you have opportunity to repair what you have broken. May the past be redeemed by the future.

For men who have been good fathers, may your children's children receive the inheritance of your love. May men be inspired and challenged by your example. May nations change because of your faithfulness. May you long enjoy the honor and reward due such a high calling.

May all fathers – biological, adoptive, foster, step, spiritual, and other – be held in high esteem. May you receive the support and encouragement you need to rise to the calling of fatherhood.

For all of these things, we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offertory — Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield

Dedication of Gifts and Self — based on Psalm 9:9-20

Abundant One, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your steadfast guidance in our lives. We pray that these resources will provide ministries to the suffering, food to the hungry, hope to the poor, a spiritual presence to the needy. In the name of the one who suffered for our sake, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Hymn: #519 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Blessing: Ephesians 6:23

Peace be to the whole family, and love with faith, from God the father and the Lord Jesus, the Messiah. Grace be with all who love our Lord, King Jesus, with a love that never dies!

In the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Postlude

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Prayer for Family and Friends

Previous Requests

Mike Tuinier will have triple bypass surgery in three to five weeks and until then is not able to do anything that gets the heart racing. Please keep him and Jody in your prayers.

Pray for every family undergoing difficulties.

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

In Service to Our Country

Walker Polsinelli
Tyler Smith

Geoff White

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Flossie Lang
Robert & Carmen Parsons

Mina Willett
Betty Witcher

VUMC's Mission Statement



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

6/20 Rob Ball
6/22 David Bretz
6/24 Arden Sult
6/25 Lauren Frantz

Anniversaries

6/20 Chris & Jeannine
Morris
6/23 Keith & Sue
McClish
6/26 Justin & Amy
Moberley

Thank You

You folks did this: the popsicles that were handed out at the car show last Saturday, the contributions that you folks came up with — the freezer downstairs was packed, and we had \$400 worth of donations. We were talking with people coming to the church, talking about what a wonderful event this is, appreciation for the church for their kindness and their generosity and their hospitality. This is good mission work, so thank you, thank you so very much. People received a good impression of our Lord Jesus Christ through the work of his people. Thank you so very much for your work in God's kingdom.
~ *Pastor Greg*

Coming deadlines

- Items for the July newsletter are due to Polly (reception@vicksburgumc.org) by tomorrow.
- ShopWithScrip orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Thursday, July 1.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 22, 1:00 p.m., at the home of Joyce Newton. We will meet outside, so please bring a chair. Thinking of joining a circle? Come join us!

Donate through consignment

United Methodist Women has an account at Home Again Consignment Store at 815 W. Prairie, Vicksburg. Anyone can drop off good new or used items at the store, and the proceeds will be donated to UMW. You must make an appointment at 649-1944, Facebook page and <https://www.homeagainvicksburg.com/>. Facebook and website have the rules for consigning.

Church Council meeting

Church Council will meet on Monday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Taylor Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 21

7:30 p.m. *SPRC online*

Tuesday, June 22

1:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle at the home of Joyce Newton*

Wednesday, June 23

no church activities are scheduled

Thursday, June 24

no church activities are scheduled

Friday, June 25 — Pastor's Day Off

no church activities are scheduled

Saturday, June 26

no church activities are scheduled

Next Week

Monday, June 28

6:00 p.m. *Finance Committee online*

7:30 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

Thursday, July 1

7:30 a.m. *Strategic Planning in the Library*

10:30 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee, Library*

12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting, Taylor Room*

Plus 10 Families

Thank you, Marshall Linebaugh, and other families who bring \$10 worth of groceries for South County or \$10 for Generous Hands.

Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343). When the voicemail connects, dial 370.

