

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**June 20, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day**



If you are attending the service in-person,

- Please seat yourself in every other row social distancing from your fellow parishioners.
- Children under 12 must remain with parents or guardians.
- If you are using the hearing loop system, please alert staff at the audio/visual table in the back of the sanctuary if levels need adjusting.

**Preparation** *"No coward soul is mine, no trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere. I see Heaven's glories shine, and faith shines equal, arming me from fear." Emily Bronte, 1846*

**Prelude** *Faith of Our Fathers* Michael Burkhardt  
[Based on St. Catherine]  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church** Rev. Peggy Huston

**Call to Worship** Kent Workman, Liturgist

One: Come to God who gathers us in.

**All: We come to God who nurtures us like a father.**

One: Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

**All: We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.**

One: Come to God who journeys with us.

**All: We come to God who sees us as we really are  
and loves us anyway.**

One: Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

**Prayer of Confession** Kent Workman, Liturgist

**O God, who is like a good father to us,  
you know what is right for us,  
but too often we only want our way or no way,  
instead of your way.**

**Have mercy upon us when we turn from you.  
Forgive us when we do not realize  
your love and direction for us.**

**Have mercy upon us indeed,**

**and teach us anew how to follow you,  
like the Prodigal Father waiting and welcoming us.  
We pray this through your Son,  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **Promise of the Gospel**

Kent Workman, Liturgist

One: The Lord is like a father each one of us would want,  
compassionate and merciful,  
filled with endless love.  
One who is not easily angered,  
nor does he remain angry forever.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so strong is God's love toward us.  
And as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has God removed our sins from us.  
So be at peace: you are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn #463**

*How Firm a Foundation, vs.1-5*  
Doug Paterson, vocalist  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

### **Children's Sermon**

Rev. Peggy Huston

### **Scripture Lesson**

Mark 4: 35-41

Rev. Peggy Huston

### **Sermon**

"Facing The Wind"

Rev. Peggy Huston

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Kent Workman, Liturgist

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,**



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