



**Homer United Methodist Church**  
Father's Day / Special Announcements  
June 20, 2021

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**Centering**

Rev. Lisa Talbott

- take a deep breath, lift up a prayer of gratitude, and remember that where ever you are, you are on God's holy ground!

**Call to Worship**

Pastor Lisa

People of God, let us gather far and wide for worship,  
filled with thanksgiving and praise.

**The Lord is good!**

Let us rejoice and pray and sing to the Lord!

**The Lord is good!**

We are assured by the knowledge that the steadfast love of God endures forever.

**The Lord is good! Amen.**

**Opening Song**

*He Has Made Me Glad*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Leona Von Brethorst

MUSIC: Leona Von Brethorst

CCLI Song # 1493

CCLI # 11365960

**Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, as the daylight lengthens and shortens, as the moon waxes and wanes, as the tide ebbs and flows, as the seasons move one into the other, be with us here and now and through all the chapters of our lives. In your name we pray, our steadfast rock and redeemer. Amen.

## Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Joe Talbott

For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Seasons

Pastor Lisa

## Song of Response

*Together We Serve*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon

MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

CCLI Song # 3379644

CCLI # 11365960

## Prayers of the People<sup>1</sup>

Holy God, whom we call Father,  
we give you thanks for the people who have been  
our earthly fathers in this life,  
and we pray for all sorts and conditions of fathers.

For fathers who have striven to balance the demands  
of work, marriage, and children  
with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

For fathers who, lacking a good model,  
have worked to become a good father.

For fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children,  
but who continue to offer those children, now grown,  
their love and support.

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<sup>1</sup> —adapted from a mediation written by Kirk Loadman-Copeland, and posted by Melanie on the [Ordinary Time](#) blog.

For fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

For fathers who even through divorce have remained in their children's lives.

For fathers whose children are adopted,  
and whose love and support has created a new family.

For fathers who, as stepfathers,  
freely choose the obligation of fatherhood  
and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

For fathers who have lost a child to death,  
and continue to hold the child in their heart.

For those men who have no children,  
but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

For those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

For those men who are about to become fathers;  
may they openly delight in their children.

And for those fathers who have died,  
but live on in our memory and in the communion of your Saints,  
whose love continues to nurture us.

All this we ask in the name of your beloved Son,  
who is the perfect parent to us all.  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 have forgiven 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.

## **Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God**

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## **Benediction**

May you go forth from worship with a sense of anticipation and adventure for the new season ahead.

May God open your eyes to new possibilities.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with the breath of life.

And may Jesus Christ be your constant companion every step you take. Amen.

## **Closing Song**

*Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Anon., trans. by Jorge Maldonado, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Cuban; arr. by Carmen Pena

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