



## *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 18, 2023*



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**Jason Caffarella, Choir Director**

# Centering Thoughts

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.  
—Clarence Budington Kelland

To love ourselves and support each other in the process of becoming real is perhaps the greatest single act of daring greatly. —Brené Brown

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.  
—Winston S. Churchill

Beautiful is the man who leaves a legacy of shared love and life. It is he who transfers meaning, assigns significance, and conveys in his loving touch the fine art and gentle shaping of a life. This man shall be called, Father.  
—Stella Payton

My father said to me, "If you don't make any impact on earth, you will die before you die. But if you impress hearts with what you do, you still live even after you are gone."  
—Israelmore Ayivor

Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time.  
—Maya Angelou



**Worship Notes:** Unison responses are in bold type. An asterisk (\*) shows where you may stand if you wish.

# Welcome!

## Prelude

**Invitation to Worship** (based on Psalm 118; written by Rev. Robin Yim)

Carol Pemberton

Go into raptures about God, for God is good.

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

All you sons and daughters in your houses now say:

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

All you mothers and fathers in your houses now say:

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

All you grandfathers and grandmothers in your houses now say:

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

From dire straits we called out for God's help,  
and God answered us out in the open for all to see.

**With God for us, what have we to fear?**

What can people do to us?

We say to them: You pushed me hard to knock me down,

**but the Lord helped me.**

You rejected me and threw me away,

but the Lord made me what matters most.

**Rescued and redeemed: this is the Lord's doing.**

Go into raptures about God, for God is good.

**Celebrate God's never-ending kindness.**

**\*Hymn:** *This Is My Father's World*

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**Choir Anthem:** *My Lord, What a Morning*

Chancel Choir

**Graduate Recognition:** Eva Hitt

## Father's Day Video

**Scripture:**

Joshua 1:1, 6-9; First Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

**Sermon:** "Some Fatherly Advice"

Pastor Lura

**\*Hymn:** *Grace Alone*

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## Prayer

Pastor Lura

## 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 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.**

**Prayer Response:** *Spirit of God*

Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord*

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## **Closing Blessing**

Pastor Lura

God our Loving Parent gives life, renews life, and is life. Celebrate the life within you and let it overflow to bless others. May the strength, courage, and faith of Christ be with you today and always. Amen.

## **Postlude**



## **Announcements:**

- Copies of the sermon are on the entryway table for those who would like one.
- Help us update our church's birthday calendar. Stop by the table in the entryway and check the paper with your birth month. If your birthday is not there, please add your name and birthday.
- Our June special offering is for Jackson Street Youth Services. They work with ages 10-24 and provide housing for youth aged 10-17. Note on your check that it is for "Jackson Street," or donate through our website at [albanymethodist.org](http://albanymethodist.org).
- Celebrate Juneteenth tomorrow, June 19, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Corvallis Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave. Contact Pastor Lura at 503-269-1714 if you would like to attend with someone from our church.
- Albany Pride is this Saturday, June 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Linn County Circuit Courthouse. Contact Pastor Lura at 503-269-1714 if you would like to attend with someone from our church.
- There will be a retirement reception for Pastor Lura following the worship service next Sunday, June 25.
- In two weeks, on July 2, the worship service will move an hour earlier and start at 9:30 a.m. Our new pastor, Alyssa Baker, will preach.

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