

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

June 17, 2018 9:30 AM

Father's Day

PRELUDE *Plainte* – Jean Langlais Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Come, sing praises to God!

PEOPLE: **Rejoice in his presence!**

LEADER: For he is our God; a Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection;

PEOPLE: **The One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.**

LEADER: Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation.

PEOPLE: **Who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!**

LEADER: Let's worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 635 *Faith of Our Fathers*

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

O God, our joy and our comfort, we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day, and particularly for the great gift of our fathers. May they be blessed with wisdom, patience and courage, and above all with love for their children. May this celebration of worship honor and inspire them, and all of us, to be faithful in all things. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

SPECIAL MUSIC *This Is My Father's World* Allen Pattee, Kevin Pleas,
Bob Ward and Adam Peithmann

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand wonders wrought. This is my Father's world. O, Let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who dies shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 594 *Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain.

*DOXOLOGY Chalice Hymnal No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of Christ's love. Amen.

