



Rembrandt, The Return of the Prodigal Son, 1662–1669 (Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg)

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 17, 2018

Celebration of Worship

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. You may light a candle with a prayer for yourself, your loved ones, or for a concern you have in your community or the world. You may do so before the service or during the worship songs.

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

*Opening Song

“Morning Has Broken”

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Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row.

*Call to Worship

Jackson Mills

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer (together)

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children should. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

“This is My Father’s World”

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Children’s Sermon

Karen Watson

Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor.

Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children’s church, although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Special Music

"El Shaddai"

Tim and Vera Kleinhenz

Scripture

Luke 15:11–32

Sermon

Christina Sirchia and Philip Krout

Prayers of the People

(video)

Joys and Concerns

(The congregation is invited to briefly voice joys and concerns. A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.)

Litany Prayer

Josiah West

Loving God, we lift this day our gratitude for the loving men
who have brought us the precious heart of your Father Love.
We give thanks to you this day

**For those who have shown us kindness,
For those who have shown us courage,
For those who have shown us generosity,
For those who have shown us truth,
For those who have shown us compassion,
For those who have shown us faith,
For those who have shown us love.**

Blessed be the name of all sons and brothers and fathers
who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth.

O God, you inspire your people in the ways of kindness
that lift our world from its disgrace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

**For every son, brother, father, grandfather,
who has suffered and endured.**

We lift a stone from the streambed of Living Waters
to the forehead of the men and boys in our lives,
touching each forehead with the sign of your healing

**for every broken heart hidden from view,
for every secret shame buried in darkness,
for every untold story of regret and alienation.**

We touch with this stone the brow of every man
who has suffered for those he loved;

We touch with this stone the forehead of our ancestral fathers
who sacrificed their very lives,
**inviting you to heal the wars and woes and wickedness within,
inviting your everlasting peace, that the world might know your peace.**

Hear our prayer, O God, for this broken world.
We pray for peace this Father's Day.

**For wisdom and equity in the hearts and minds of those who lead us.
For justice with mercy that seeks equitable access to the earth's resources.
For passion and power in our churches to influence public policy for good.
For a new day when justice will roll down like waters across this land.
For the revelation of Father Love that never leaves nor forsakes.**

And we lift your hope of healing for all sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers
who live in mystery as your creation,
who are entrusted with the life and struggles of manhood.

May they grow in Father Love to your glory.

Hear our prayer, O God, for this broken world.

We pray for peace this Father's Day.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Josiah West

*"Freely, Freely"

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Passing the Peace and Greetings

The congregation is invited to exchange words of peace and greeting.

*Hymn

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

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*Dismissal

Assisting in Worship Today:

Jackson Mills

Christina Sirchia

Philip Krout

Josiah West

Dee Short, Organist

Karen Blackmore, Pianist

Mountainside United Methodist Church would like to welcome our first time guests to our "Beacon on the Mountainside". In honor of your visit, MUMC would like to make a donation in your name to a charity. In order for us to make these donations in your name please be sure to fill out the "First Time Guest Card" found in the registration booklet.