

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

June 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Father's Day

WELCOME

Steve Hollaway

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

****CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103, 2 Cor. 1) Ellen Jacke
(Congregation reads word in bold type.)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.

****HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #341

****INVOCATION** (Unison)

O Lord Our Heavenly Father:

You, who adopt orphan children and care for the widows;

You stand at the door staring at the horizon,

desiring that your prodigal children come home.

Bless fathers and men everywhere this day

that the orphans may have role models,

that the widows may be provided what they need,

that the future men may see Christ reflected in the love

of piggy-back rides and hard-learned lessons.

[by Nathan Decker, Father's Day 2008]

****THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using 'sins')

****THE GLORIA PATRI** #705

Children will now be dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ellen Jacke

Genesis 22:1-14 (Pew Bible OT p. 17-18)

*** All who are able, please stand*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Steve Hollaway

Leviticus 20:1-5 (NLT) The Lord said to Moses, ²“Give the people of Israel these instructions, which apply both to native Israelites and to the foreigners living in Israel. “If any of them offer their children as a sacrifice to Molech, they must be put to death. The people of the community must stone them to death. ³I myself will turn against them and cut them off from the community, because they have defiled my sanctuary and brought shame on my holy name by offering their children to Molech. ⁴And if the people of the community ignore those who offer their children to Molech and refuse to execute them, ⁵I myself will turn against them and their families and will cut them off from the community. This will happen to all who commit spiritual prostitution by worshiping Molech.

2 Chronicles 28:1-3 (NLT) Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. He did not do what was pleasing in the sight of the Lord, as his ancestor David had done. ²Instead, he followed the example of the kings of Israel. He cast metal images for the worship of Baal. ³He offered sacrifices in the valley of Ben-Hinnom, even sacrificing his own sons in the fire. In this way, he followed the detestable practices of the pagan nations the Lord had driven from the land ahead of the Israelites.

****HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #48

SERMON

Steve Hollaway

The Temptation to Sacrifice Children

****HYMN** *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families* #687

Tune NETTLETON = *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER FOR FATHERS AROUND THE WORLD (Unison)

Our Father in heaven, we pray today for the many fathers

around the world who are struggling to provide for their

families: those who despair about finding safe shelter, who watch

in anguish as their children starve, who desperately search for

adequate medical care, or safety from violence that surrounds

them. Be with these fathers this day. Strengthen and encourage

them as they seek to care for their families. Grant them grace

and courage in the midst of impossible circumstances,

and bless them with hope as they look toward the future. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Cameron Greenlee

****THE DOXOLOGY**

(#706)

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

POSTLUDE

Cameron Greenlee