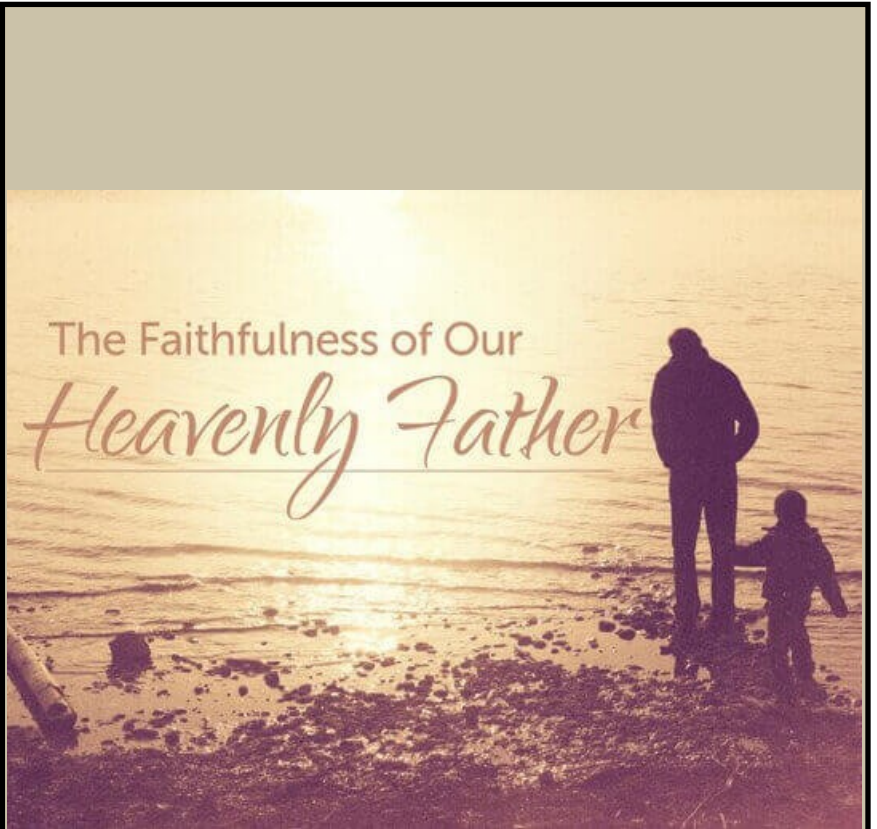




June 20, 2021

10:30 A.M.

God is Faithful and Trials are Fiery



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Recognition of Father's Day and Prayer

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call to Worship

Hymn of Adoration: "All My Hope" Crowder/Cash

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Song of Praise

"All Because of Jesus" Steve Fee

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

Scripture Warning

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: 1 Timothy 1:15

Song of Renewal: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"
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-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)

Prayer

The Sermon

"God is Faithful and Trials are Fiery"

Words of Institution:

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn: "Mighty Cross" William/Ingram/Ntlele/Furtick

Prayer of Approach

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"Yes and Amen" McClarney/Moore/Brown

Benediction

God's Gracious Provision 6/13/2021

Attendance: 46

Offering: \$2180.00

Your offering may be place in the box at the Welcome Table.

A Prayer for Father's Day

By Scotty Smith

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives its meaning. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:14-19

Dear heavenly Father, on this Father's Day, it's an unparalleled joy to acknowledge that *you* are the Father we've always longed for and needed. Our most loving and engaged fathers have been a wonderful hint of what it means to be your beloved children; but they could *never* be to us what you alone can be. And our most broken and irresponsible fathers cannot rob our hearts of the joys we find in knowing you and crying, Abba, Father.

Thank you for adopting us, through the finished work of Jesus. Thank you for freeing us from our slavery to sin and our orphan-like ways; and for giving us the Spirit of Sonship, a secure place in your family, and an inheritance that can never spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. Thank you for promising to complete the work you began in us, and for always, and only, disciplining us in love, even when it hurts.

Father, thank you for grace to forgive our earthly fathers who failed us, including those who broke our trust, hurt us, and misrepresented you to us. Continue to heal us and free us from the lingering effects.

And thank you for grace to acknowledge *our* failings as parents, and for promising us the strength we need to humble ourselves before our children, and to trust you to write stories of redemption in our families. Please do so, Father, to your glory.

Lastly, Father, we thank you for the spiritual fathers you've given us—the "dads of grace" who help us discover more and more of the multi-dimensional love of Christ. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' merciful and mighty name.

6. We remember that we will stand before God the Judge.

1 Peter 4:17–18 (ESV)

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

7. When we suffer, we should commit ourselves to our faithful God and continue to do good.

1 Peter 4:19

“So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

Conclusion

Peter tells us how to endure suffering. He does not command us to be faithful; he reminds us that God is faithful. So we should continually commit or entrust ourselves to the faithful Creator. The word translated “commit” means “to entrust or to hand over something to the care of another.” The “thing” that we commit to God is our very life, and we do so because we believe he is faithful.

Notes

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 22 6:00 –8:00 P.M. Youth(Grades 6-12) and Young Adults(under 30) meet at the Deicherts for supper, Bible Study(groups separated), Volleyball, and ice cream.

Tuesday, June 22 7:00 P.M. Tactics Small Group will meet at the home of Karl and Cindy Yorgey

**Sunday, June 27 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults**
1300 High Street, Pottstown, PA

Saturday, July 10 6:00 P.M. Prayer Dinner at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Saturday, July 17 8:00 A.M. Men’s Breakfast at the home of Pastor Rick

Monday, July 19-24 Youth Group goes to **Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Senior High Youth Week.**

Bring in your Redner’s receipts. For every \$5000 in receipts, Grace Covenant Youth Group Fund receives \$50.00 back from Redner’s. Please give them to Barb Knarr.

Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 in the back of the gym.

When you have no helpers, see your helpers in God. When you have many helpers, see God in all your helpers. When you have nothing but God, see all in God. When you have everything, see God in everything. Under all conditions, stay thy heart only on the Lord.

- Charles Spurgeon

Prayer/Praise. June 20, 2021

- Pray for Sara Care who is having a heart catheterization on June 28 and a valve repair on July 28. Pray for wisdom for the doctors, peace for Sara, and successful procedures.
- Praise that Koreen Mace's dad is home from the hospital. Pray for continued strength for Gwen, who is taking care of their dad.
- Pray for Margaret Henz, friend of Donna Jenkins, who is in a hospice center in Virginia. Pray for her daughter Eva as she goes through this time with her mother.
- Pray for Austin, stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece. He is having a series of surgeries for severe burns over most of his body. Pray for his healing and for his family as they walk with him through this time.
- Pray for God's comfort for Lisa Frame's co-worker Kathleen and her husband. They lost their baby recently when Kathleen was 8 months pregnant.
- Pray for Dave Conway, husband of Steve Simon's cousin, Trish. Dave had liver and prostate tests done on Friday, June 11th, to determine if cancer is present. Pray for God's healing and strength for Dave.
- Pray for Christopher, son of Susan and Glen Williams. Christopher checked himself out of the drug rehab. Pray that he is freed from his addiction and that most importantly, he finds that Jesus is his only hope.
- Pray for Deana Deichert's father, who is receiving a hormone treatment for his cancer. Pray for wisdom for his doctors and healing for Deana's father.
- Pray that a position will open for Jeremiah Mace to be employed at Teen Challenge. Pray for healing for Koreen's family.
- Pray for Rhonda Clark's father, Donald Mace, as he continues chemotherapy treatments.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak, friend of Barb Knarr. He is scheduled for another bladder surgery on July 15.
- Pray that God reveals Himself to Koreen's friend, Amanda and her husband, John. Amanda's father is dying. Pray for support from John, peace, and salvation for the father who does not know the Lord.
- Pray for Ashley, the niece of Lisa Frame's friend, Denise, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Pray for healing and salvation.
- Pray for Diane Ziegler, friend of Donna Jenkins, who had two surgeries and is doing better. Diane needs more chemotherapy treatments.
- Pray for Koreen Mace's brother-in-law, Jim, that God will speak to his heart and for salvation and healing for Jim.
- Pray for Tracy Spencer, niece of Donna Jenkins, and her baby boy, Evan, who was born on May 5th. Pray for improvement in Evan's lungs. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and healing for Evan.
- Pray for Donna Plowfield's son-in-law, David, who is seeking employment in this area.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.

Message

“God is Faithful, and Trials are Fiery”

1 Peter 4:12–19 (ESV)

1. We must be ready when trials come.

1 Peter 4:12 (ESV)

“Beloved do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

2. Rejoice that we are united to Christ.

1 Peter 4:13 (ESV)

“But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

3. If we suffer insults, it shows that the Spirit of God rests on us.

1 Peter 4:14 (ESV)

“If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

4. We should suffer for the faith, not because we merit punishment.

1 Peter 4:15 (ESV)

“But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.”

5. No one should be ashamed to suffer because we bear the name of Christ.

1 Peter 4:16 (ESV)

“Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.” It seems that the term Christian was a slur, an insult.