

Racine/Sumner Center UMC

*As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.
May we together experience the presence of God*

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We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord

Prelude

Welcome



Announcements/Joys & Concerns

The world's human community began with one man.
The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man.
Today, we celebrate the contributions of strong, godly men
to our community.

We celebrate men who, with the wisdom of Solomon,
seek God's perfect plan for their lives and the lives they influence.
We appreciate men who, with the spirit of David, seek repentance,
as men after God's own heart.

We acknowledge men who, with the obedience of Abraham,
follow God's direction, help shape the lives of their families,
and ultimately change the world.

We honor men who, like Peter,
are fallible yet passionate about serving the Lord
and fervently building his Kingdom.

As Joseph cared for his father and brothers,
we care for the men of our community
by generously sharing our resources, our time,
and our unconditional love.

We pray for men who have the inner and outward strength of Samson.

We're grateful for men who, like the apostle Paul,
teach us Christian principles and values.

Today, we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus,
exhibiting his character and his love.

Call to Worship for Father's Day

Come to God who gathers us in.

We come to God who nurtures us like a father.

Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

Come to God who journeys with us.

We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us anyway.

Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we give thanks for the men of virtue who have touched our lives. Those who have shown us kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love. Bless all sons and brothers and fathers and grandfathers who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Father, We Have Heard You Calling"

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UNITED IN CHRIST

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part having four verses and the subsequent parts having three verses each.

1. Fa - ther, we have heard you call - ing to your church in ev - ery age;
2. Je - sus Christ, our faith's per - fec - ter, priest and ad - vo - cate a - bove.
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, fire of heav - en, fall up - on us here to - day.
4. Praise we bring to God the Fa - ther, praise we bring to God the Son,

9 for a sign of true de - vo - tion for a sac - ri - fice of praise.
We would reach our bro - ken na - tion with the truth of your great love.
Bring re - lease, bring tears, bring pas - sion, then trans - form your church, we pray.
praise to God the Ho - ly Spir - it, praise to you, the three in one.

17 In this place where you have brought us, may we al - ways seek to be
So trans - form our fee - ble wit - ness, may we al - ways live to be
As you pour your grace up - on us, may we al - ways thirst to be
Tri - ni - ty of love in - spire us, may we al - ways strive to be

25 one in love and one in wor - ship — chil - dren of e - ter - ni - ty.
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Congregation: Parts

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We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading.....Galatians 3:23-29.

New Revised Standard Version

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous[a] by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, [b] heirs according to the promise.

The Word of God for the People of God, **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FAITH HYMN UMH #133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Author: Elisha A. Hoffman (1887)

Publication Date: 1989

Tune Information

Name: SHOWALTER

Composer: Anthony J. Showalter (1887)

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**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)**

**3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)**

“Message”

Father’s Day Prayer

Almighty God of all creation,
we join our voices to praise you today,
singing of your wonders,
giving thanks for your grace and care,
and celebrating the joys of life you have blessed us with:
family and friends;
new relationships and deeper relationships;
new life and transformed lives;
reconciliation and restoration.

On this day we are especially grateful for the gifts of fathers,
the gifts of being a father.
and fathers that we miss.
We thank you for the many ways that our fathers have shaped us,
for their example and their love.
Yet we also pray for those
who have painful relationships with their fathers;
those who are estranged from their fathers
and fathers who are estranged from their children.
And, God, we pray for those who are unwilling or unable
to accept the responsibilities of fatherhood.

Gracious God,
all of our prayers are summed up in the longing for your kingdom,
that wonderful, amazing, and new reality that is emerging all around us.
So we join our voices together, God,
praying for the coming of your kingdom,
using the words that Jesus taught us.
Our Father...

Departing Hymn UMH #664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Author: Omer Westendorf (1964)

Publication Date: 1989

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Tune Information

Harmonizer: Leland Sateren (1972)

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**1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

**Benediction for Father's Day 5
(based on Romans 8:15-16)**

As you go from here, remember this:
Because of the work of the Holy Spirit within us,
we are sons and daughters of God.
We have been adopted into his family;
God is truly our Father.
And if we are God's children,
we are His heirs, and fellow heirs with Christ.

So go in peace and confidence,
knowing that the love of God, our Father,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
goes with us.

***POSTLUDE**