

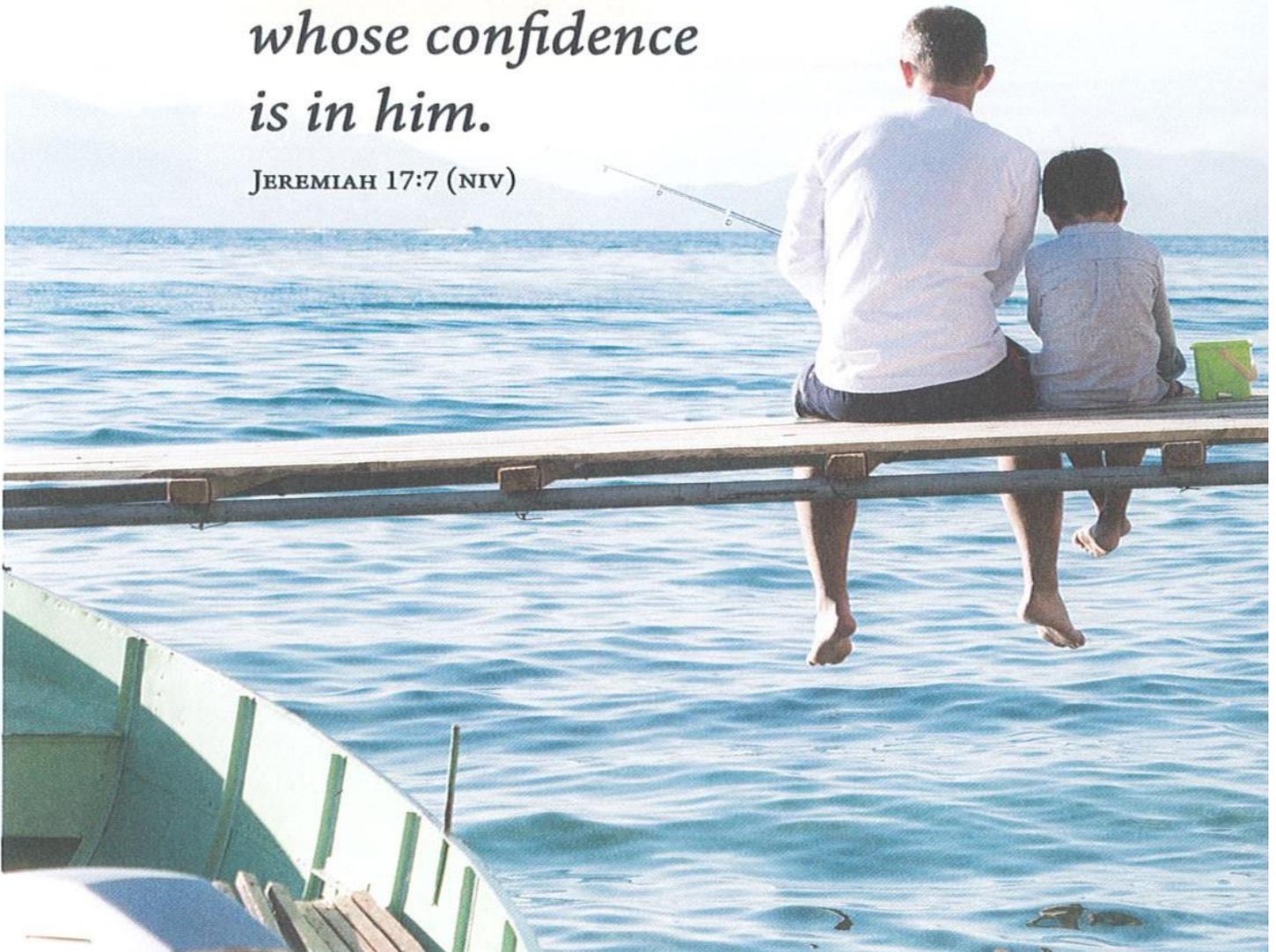
Honoring Our Dads

*Blessed is the one
who trusts in the*

Lord,

*whose confidence
is in him.*

JEREMIAH 17:7 (NIV)



**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HONORING OUR GRADUATES
FATHER'S DAY
JUNETEENTH
JUNE 19, 2022**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

* **OPENING HYMN: UNITE AND JOIN YOUR JOYOUS SONGS 617**

* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: The Lord our God is great.

People: The Lord is worthy of our praise.

Pastor: Come; let us remember the great things God has done for us.

People: Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.

Pastor: Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

People: We remember our African brothers and sisters, their ancestors, and their history, and we name

our future.

Pastor: Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise, and open our hearts in gratitude.

People: Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

*** CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*** THE KYRIE**

750

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

* **THE GLORIA PATRI**

759

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

* **WE SHARE PEACE**

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: I Kings 19:1 – 15a

New Testament: Luke 8:26 – 39

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: *OVER MY HEAD*

514

SERMON: *When Silence Becomes Loud*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

Pastor: As we commemorate the freedom of African Americans, let us not forget the trials and tribulations faced by their ancestors forced into slavery for hundreds of years.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: Let us continue to emphasize the importance of Education and the advancement of African Americans.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: God has granted freedom, let us use it wisely, guard it carefully, and embrace it totally.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving

victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: May this Juneteenth serve as a reminder of the tenacity of African Americans, their ability to hold on to hope and to the God we all worship.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: Let all people of all faiths come together and acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to negatively influence American society.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: Allow all ethnic groups be sensitized to the conditions of the ancestors of our African American brothers and sisters and help us to understand why racism and bigotry cannot have the last word.

Pastor: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and Victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us so.

Pastor: Let all African Americans continue to hope for a better tomorrow while remembering and rejoicing over their triumphant heritage.

People: We will not forget the “Middle Passage.” We will continue to tell the story of bondage that gave way to freedom, both physically and spiritually. We shall forever strive to advance the Kingdom of God through liberation and excellence.

Unison: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

Pastor: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away

the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING CELEBRATING DADS

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere to the glory of your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN: *LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING* 593**

*** SUNG BENEDICTION: *WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD***

We Are Marching In The Light Of God,
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching In The Light Of God,
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching, Marching, We Are Marching Oh Ohhh!
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching, Marching, We Are Marching Oh Ohhh!
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

We Are Living In The Love Of God,
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living In The Love Of God,
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living, Living, We Are Living Oh Ohhh!
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living, Living, We Are Living Oh Ohhh!
We Are Living In The Love Of God.

We Are Moving In The Power Of God,
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving In The Power Of God,
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving, Moving, We Are Moving Oh Ohhh
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving, Moving. We Are Moving Oh Ohhh!
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.

We Are Marching Marching, We Are Marching Oh Ohhh!
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching Marching, We Are Marching Oh Ohhh!
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

*** MEDITATION**

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

*Would those who are able please stand.

Welcome to Faith Church this Second Sunday after Pentecost. We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads provided for you in the pews.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, father-in-laws, and father-like figures who are with us today.

Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates. God's blessings as you begin your new adventures!

It is time to elect Elders and Deacons for Consistory's 2022-23 term. There are 2 different options for voting –

1. **Vote online** - the link is included in our weekly email or go to <https://forms.gle/UkCnj4TY82EWePvH7>
2. **Vote by paper ballot** and drop it in the ballot box in the narthex (ballots are available in the narthex).

Thanks for your participation.

The Meaning of Juneteenth as a National Independence Day

By Professor Mark Chambers, Stony Brook University Africana Studies and Department of History

On Thursday, June 17, 2021, following a decade of grassroots activism, the 94-year-old Texas activist Opal Lee listened to Kamala Harris — the first woman, Asian-American and Black person to serve as vice president — speak about the significance of Juneteenth in the White House East Room before introducing the president. Following his remarks, President Joseph R. Biden signed a bill to recognize Juneteenth — the celebration to commemorate the end of chattel slavery in the United States — as a federal holiday. President Biden received the bill to establish June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day after it passed the House 415-14 and the Senate unanimously.

Juneteenth is celebrated annually on the 19th of June to mark the date when some of the last enslaved people in the Confederacy were notified of their freedom following the Civil War. While President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 to free enslaved people in Confederate states, and the war ended in April 1865, many Texas Black people continued in bondage. Texas' seclusion and remote landscape kept Union soldiers from implementing the memorandum as quickly there as they had been able to in other Confederate states.

On June 19, 1865, Union Army Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that the war was over and the Union had won. The announcement came two months after the conclusion of the Civil War, and even longer since President Lincoln had first signed the Emancipation Proclamation. That was over 150 years ago, during a time when Juneteenth has been referred to as Jubilee Day, Freedom Day, Liberation Day, Emancipation Day, and with President Biden's signature, a national holiday observing the end of slavery in the United States.

One former slave, Felix Haywood, described his and others feelings after hearing the message: "Everybody went wild. We all felt like heroes ... just like that we were free. It didn't seem to make the whites mad, either. They went right on giving us food just the same. We knew freedom was on us, but we didn't know what was to come with it. We soon found out that freedom could make folks proud but it didn't make them rich."

Years after slavery ended, the former Galveston slave Margrett Nillin was asked if she preferred slavery or freedom. She answered unequivocally, “Well, it is this way, in slavery I owned nothing. In freedom I owned a home and raise my family. Which all causes me to worry and in slavery I has no worries, but I takes freedom.” *Documenting the American South (DocSouth)*

Black people in the United States have celebrated Juneteenth ever since, but because America has a long history of omitting history, very few Americans outside of the Black community ever heard of the holiday. Hopefully, now with the establishment of Juneteenth National Independence Day, that reality will change as more Americans learn about and study in depth the inclusive history of the United States.

CALENDAR

Regular Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm; Closed on Fridays

TODAY	-10:15 Worship
MONDAY	-Sandy works from home
THURSDAY	-7:00 Consistory Meeting
FRIDAY	-Office Closed/Pastor’s Day Off
SUNDAY	-10:15 Worship

Those Who Will Serve:

	June 19	June 26
Head Usher:	Justin Koser	Justin Koser
Usher(s):	Bob & Patti Shelly	George Rau
Lay Reader:	Joan Hassler	Donna Schoenberger
Flowers:	n/a	Trexler
Fin. Sec.:	Bruce Torrence	Bruce Torrence
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