

*Order of Worship*  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
10:00 am – June 20, 2021

**Watching Live?**  
*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867  
before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE** *Trumpet Procession* by Richard Frey  
Tyler Carlisle, organ

**WELCOME** Pastors

**HYMN** *Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verses 1-5, 7) UMH 117  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 43152

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

**LITANY FOR FATHER' DAY**

Today we recognize our fathers and stepfathers, those who have nurtured and guided us in our lives.

**We thank You, O God, for those who have been fathers to us.**

We honor our grandfathers, uncles, and brothers, those who have demonstrated love and care to us.

**We thank You, O God, for all who have been like fathers to us.**

We appreciate our teachers, leaders, and pastors, both male and female, and especially honor  
those who have extended fatherly tenderness and love in our past and present.

**We thank You, O God, for those who have fulfilled a fatherly role in our lives.**

... Grant Your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures to love their children as You love Your children.

**We thank You, O God, for fatherhood and motherhood, for the blessing of parents in our lives.**

... You are the all-loving, all-caring Parent, Creator of heaven and earth, who knows the hairs on our heads.

**We thank You, O God, that You are always with us, that You will never leave us or forsake us.**

**We thank You for this day and ask that You bless all of Your children with Your love,  
as a wonderful father loves their child. Amen.**

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**HYMN** *Good, Good, Father*  
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**Chorus:** You're a good, good Father; it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,  
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night;  
and You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

**Chorus:** You're a good, good Father; it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
but I know we're all searching for answers only You provide;  
'cause You know just what we need before we say a word. **(Chorus x2)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*How Can I Keep Singing*  
Chancel Choir; Miriam Arichea, piano

arr. Mark Schweizer

**SCRIPTURE**

*2 Corinthians 6: 1-13*  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Jan Marra

**MESSAGE**

Pastors

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Abundant One, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your steadfast guidance in our lives. We pray that these resources will provide ministries to the suffering, food to the hungry, hope to the poor, a spiritual presence to the needy. In the name of the one who suffered for our sake, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**  
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**HYMN**

*O For a Heart to Praise My God*  
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O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,  
a heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne,  
where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part from Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed and full of love divine,  
perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in G*  
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by John Stanley

***Prayer Requests***

Sherman Oaks UMC — Pastor Garth Gilliam  
Ojai UMC — Pastor Jaime Nieves

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