

June 20, 2021 – Order of Worship

TIME OF REFLECTION

“Instead of interpreting God’s character in light of our circumstances, we must do the opposite and interpret our circumstances in light of God’s character.”

~Erik Raymond, contemporary pastor and author

“We learn what tangible fathers are supposed to be like by looking to the intangible Father. And we look to Him by looking at Jesus, the one who brings us to the Father.”

~Douglas Wilson (1953-present), theologian and author

“The child asks of the Father whom he knows. Thus, the essence of Christian prayer is not general adoration, but definite, concrete petition. The right way to approach God is to stretch out our hands and ask of One who we know has the heart of a Father.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German Lutheran pastor and author

“... I am a great writer because when I was a little girl and walked into the room where my father was sitting, his eyes would light up. That is why I am a great writer. That is why. There isn’t any other reason.”

~Toni Morrison (1931-2019), American novelist and professor

“In my own life, when I was most inspired by a teacher, it always involved a real dialogue, a looseness and a real caring and compassion. It was not without rigor, not without discipline, not without standards, but all that was done out of love.”

~Michael Goldenberg (1965-present), American playwright and screenwriter

“Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world.”

~Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984), American theologian and philosopher

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “Our Compassionate Father” – *Pastor Chris Audino*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Psalm 103 (ESV)*

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion
to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is
from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!