

# Broad Street United Methodist Church

June 16, 2024

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

FATHER'S DAY RECOGNITION

Marsha Danser

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor James

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

**For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.**

Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

**For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.**

All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

**On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.**

~ from discipleshipministries.org.

\*HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH 557

OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Julia Sourwine

**Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.**

~ from discipleshipministries.org.

HYMN

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

UMH 277

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Laura Sourwine

**O Wisdom Divine, just as you inspired the fathers of our faith, grant us your knowledge and discernment so that we can learn how to be clever in our compassion and courageous in our faith, through Christ and in the Spirit. Amen.**

~ Adapted from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website

PSALTER	<b>Psalm 121</b> (led by Julia Sourwine)	UMH 844
GLORIA PATRI		UMH 70
CREED	<i>A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</i>	UMH 883
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 4:26-34	Laura Sourwine
THE MESSAGE	<i>The Insignificant Significant Seed</i>	Pastor James
HYMN	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	UMH 707

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively) Laura Sourwine

For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.**

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them

**Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.**

For men, though without children of their own, acted like a father and have nurtured and cared for us.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.**

For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

**Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.**

For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

**Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.**

For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

**Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

~ adapted by Robb McCoy from the United Methodist Book of Worship, and posted on his Fat Pastor blog.

Now let us lift up those dear to us. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor James

OFFERTORY HYMN

*This Is My Father's World* (v. 1, 3)

UMH 144

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor James

**May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,  
planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly,  
so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.  
Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.**

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgy Outside: <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

## AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

PRAYER (pray together)

Laura Jaskot

**God, as we say farewell to Pastor James, we entrust him into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of him, for wisdom and guidance to be beside him, and for grace and truth to be behind him, pushing him onwards into your goodness. We know that you will always love and protect him, wherever he goes. Amen.**

~ [https://www.living-prayers.com/events/farewell\\_prayer.html](https://www.living-prayers.com/events/farewell_prayer.html)

LITANY (responsive)

I thank you, the members and friends of Broad Street United Methodist Church,  
for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.  
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.  
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,  
and accept that you now leave to move onto a new path.  
We express our gratitude for your time among us.  
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.  
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness  
will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,  
trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.  
I release you from turning to me and depending on me.  
I encourage your continuing ministry here  
and will pray for you and for your new pastor.

~ from the United Methodist Book of Worship

## WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

\*HYMN

*God Be with You till We Meet Again*

UMH 672

\*WORDS OF BLESSING (unison)

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

~ From the United Methodist Book of Worship

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Angie Gallagher, Tom & Linda McElwain, Doug Papp, Debra Bogdanowicz, Patty Neff, John Fyfe, Sharon Durazolapaugh

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:  
office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

## Broad Street UMC Hoagie Sale

**\$10/hoagie**

**\*includes a bag of chips and a bottle of water\***

For an additional \$5 you can donate a hoagie to a local first responder

Payment in advance is required.

Order deadline is Monday, June 17, 2024

Pick up Friday or Saturday, June 21st or 22nd



Scan the QR code to order or pick up an order form on the table at the door and give it to Laura J. or Michele H. at the end of the worship service.

