

Flowers are given by **Jim & Priscilla Crumel** in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary and by **Mary Kukainis & Bob Procter** in honor of a new grandson, Arthur Kukainis, born on June 5.

The Church Council asks that you remain masked at this time so that you can softly sing. This is for the health and well-being of all people. Thank you for understanding.

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

arr. Mark Hayes

INVITATION to WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

This is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, You fling wide open Your arms to embrace all people. We give thanks for the ways Jesus opened His arms to welcome all children. While we talk frequently about warmly welcoming people, each of us have had experiences when we have felt pushed aside and treated as less than beloved. We continue to pay attention to what is stirring within us each time the sixty-five words of the Lord's Prayer fall from our lips. Today we center on the word, "forgiveness". This word can be like nails on a chalkboard. Right now, there are people we are struggling to forgive. Right now, there are groups whose hatred and harm to others causes the tiny vein in our neck to pulse with anger. Right now, it is so easy to post our rants on social media. We confess that we struggle with forgiveness. We confess that we have found forgiveness difficult and demanding. We confess that we hold grudges against people You called, "Beloved". So, we pause in prayer, O God. We try to name people we struggle to let go of our frustration toward, not because we think this moment will magically make it better. But we pray, perhaps, in opening our hearts right now and speaking names aloud, there might be space for Your grace to move.

Silent Prayer.

REASSURANCE

²¹ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. ²³ Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. ²⁶ But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ²⁷ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. ²⁸ “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him hundred denarii. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ ²⁹ “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ³⁰ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. ³¹ “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. ³² His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. ³³ Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

SERMON

So Many Questions

RESPONSE

Standing in the Need of Prayer

#519

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain: **It's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer;**

It's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

Not the stranger nor my neighbor, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger nor my neighbor, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

SUNG LORD’S PRAYER & PASTORAL 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 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.

CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#506

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to our God in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer.
Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

Eric Thiman

We thank **Rob Quarles** for leading our singing this morning.

Thank you to **Chuck Jarman & Phil Swain** for greeting/ushering today.

Thank you to **Len Murray** for driving the church bus.