## Upper St. Croix Parish

Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

## June 21, 2020 Father's Day/Third Sunday after Pentecost

\*This bulletin is for a home service as well as a Drive-in Service at Atlas Park.

#### **PRELUDE**

Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. "Peace be with You!"

#### **BLESSINGS TO FATHERS**

Drive-In Pastor Jenny

(If you couldn't join the Drive-In Service, you may have time to share your father's stories and bless your father with your family.)

### We Celebrate New Life in Christ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Come, dwell in the shelter of the Most High; abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

#### God is our refuge and our fortress;

in God we trust.

God will deliver you from the terrors of night; in this place, you will find the shelter of God's wings.

God is with us as we gather;

God will keep us wherever we go.

Pause to experience the grace of God;

Know that God values you, individually and together.

How awesome is this place!

This is the house of God and the gate of heaven. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

O God of Every Nation

UMH 435 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**OPENING PRAYER** Unison

God of our dreams and of our waking hours, we give you thanks \

or all your promises to us. You have said you will accept us and keep us wherever we go. You have set aside resources for our use. How awesome are your blessings in all the earth. Open our spirit to receive the gifts of your grace. Open our lives to receive and fulfill the assignments you would give us. May we worship with true devotion. Amen.

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Drive-in, Kim Wheeler (Central-Grantsburg)

### **Proclamation of God's Word**

#### \*THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 21:1-21

**See Insert** 

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127 (vs. 1 & 2)

SERMON "It is a Time to Lift Up" Pastor Jenny Lee
(If you could not join our Drive-in Service at Atlas Park, one of your
family members may read the written sermon.)

## We Respond to God's Word

#### **RESPONDING PRAYER** Unison

God of Immanuel! Sometimes we worry about life, and have anxieties in our hearts. We feel that we are in the wilderness. Please lift up our hands, and call us now into the light and green pasture, where we may learn and teach as humble disciples. Keep the souls of your servants pure, that our highest intent may be to do your will. May all who deny you be turned around to join with all humanity in praising you. May lift our hearts and minds up to you, always. Amen.

#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

(If you could not join a Drive in Service, you may send me them via email, letter, or phone call)

#### PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please prepare an offering. If you could not join a Drive -in Service, send it to the church, or bring it to the church later when you come to the church next.)

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Unison

We worship you with our offerings, Great God of all people. With these gifts, we remember all your kindness to us. We would live gratefully day by day, appreciating the wondrous gift of life, caring for the bodies you have given us, and disciplining ourselves as your servants. Inspire us to do our part, that our lives may teach your truth. Amen.

#### We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

\*HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny God bless you, and stay in peace!

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## **ONE Parish THREE Churches:**

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#### The United Methodist Church

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## **Announcements (Insert) June 21st, 2020**

- 1. Today is Father's day, and the Third Sunday after Pentecost. Every single father is blessed by God!
- 2. We will have a Drive -In Service at Atlas Park on June 21st. If the weather is bad for outdoor service, we will have an online Service. We will contact you if there are any changes.
- 3. The SPRC will have a meeting to discuss in advance of the service on June 23, 2020. After the meeting, we will update you.
- 4. All are welcome to join our Drive-in Service. For safety reasons, please stay in your vehicles. We did tune the radio channel for static. Please come earlier than 9:50 am in order to have time to park properly and tune your radio. If you want to sit outside of your vehicles during service, you may bring a lawn chair. But, you should wear a facemask, keeping social distance.

The address of our Drive in Service is:

Atlas Park, 2108 295<sup>th</sup> Ave. County Rd. B. Luck, WI
54853

- 5. No food should be shared. If you need water or some snacks, please bring them yourself.
- 6. Ushers should wear a mask and gloves. When you greet each other, please wear masks and keep social distancing of 6 ft minimum.
- 7. Deadline to submit July Newsletter information is June 23.

## 8. This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Elaine Frees 6/24

Don & Colleen Schween 6/28



This poem is written by a youth Confirmation student, Olivia

McNally (Grantsburg-Central)

# FATHERS are...

Forever forgiving of us.

Always there to ask for advice from.

eachers to us on how to love one another.

Helpful to us when we are in need.

Empathic towards our emotions.

Raisers; they raise us up when we're feeling low.

Supportive of us when we are at our worst.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 21:1-21

21 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. 2 Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." 7 And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.[a] 10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." 11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. 13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." 14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." 19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.