

Call to Worship: Matthew 6:26-33

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Singing: *Good, Good Father*

1. 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

2. 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

Bridge: 'Cause You are perfect in all of your ways,
Perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Living as Children of the Father Hebrews 12:1-11

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons.

For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Prayers of Repentance

Offertory and Singing: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

1. How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

Prayer of Petition

Sermon: To the Children Ephesians 6:1-3

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3** "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

I. A Great Assumption

II. Children, Obey Your Parents

III. A Word about the Sacraments

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Singing: *How Sweet and Awesome is the Place* #469

1. How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores!
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"
3. Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast, that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, And perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God! Constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, And bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May with one voice, and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

Benediction

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