

SUNDAY WORSHIP
with Father's Day Weekend Observance
June 21, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL to WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 68
by Christine Longhurst*

One: Come, sing praises to God!

People: *Rejoice in God's presence!*

One: For this is our God: Father to the fatherless,

People: *Defender of all who need protection;*

One: One in whom the lonely find a home,

People: *And the prisoner finds release.*

All: *Bless the Lord who sustains and strengthens us,
day after day! Let us worship God together!*

*SONG #16 *O Worship the King* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— FATHERS DAY OBSERVANCE —

PRAYER (INSERT)

SHARING GIFTS *Deacons*

*SONG #60 *My Father's World* *Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 17-18 &
Acts 17: 16-28

MESSAGE REFLECTION ON
FATHERHOOD *Peter McGlynn*

*SONG #97 *He's Got the Whole World* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

*SONG 44 *Doxology* *Sharon Novak*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

ACTS 2:17-18 — ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.


ACTS 17:16-28 — While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “*What does this pretentious babblers want to say?*” Others said, “*He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.*” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “*May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.*” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “*Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’*”

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER

WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your name,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
and forgive our debts,
AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.
**AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE;**



MATTHEW 6:9-13

for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC
JACKSON, NH

— FATHERS DAY OBSERVANCE —

JUNE/JULY GUEST PREACHERS

Sun, JUNE 21 Peter McGlynn
*Father's Day
Observance*

Sun, JUNE 28 Eryn Morency

Sun, JULY 5 Eryn Morency
*Communion &
Independence
Day Weekend*

PRAYERS

For PEOPLE: Focus this week: Alex A., Alexis, Allison, Ana, Annie, Ariana, Ashley family, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, 'Doc' G. & Cindi G., Corky, Deb L., Doug, Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Larry, Liberty, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Steve, Sue D., Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

*Adapted from prayer
by Maren Tirabassi*

People: God, we're praying for fathers:

One: Fathers up at night with newborns, fathers bent under college debt, fathers who are good with one age of child and haven't a clue with another.

People: We're praying for fathers:

One: Balancing self and home and work and parenting, especially when no one seems to notice.

People: We're praying for fathers:

One: And for grandfathers and ... godfathers and grieving fathers, foster fathers and adopting fathers, solo fathers and step-fathers, fathers-in-law and fathers-in-neighbor.

People: We're praying:

One: For teachers, mentors, coaches, counselors who mix a tiny bit of what they know from fathering into relationships with dozens of children ...

People: We're praying:

One: For those living with their mistakes as fathers: small thoughtlessnesses that call for self-forgiveness or deep damage needing repentance and transformation.

People: We're praying for those who want:

One: To be fathers, and those who have wanted, but it never happened.

People: We're praying for those who miss:

One: Their fathers or their children, because of death or distance, deep difference or disappearance.

People: We're praying for those who have been so hurt:

One: That the very name 'father' is a wound.

All: As we approach this civic day with its tangle of knotted emotions, we pray together, O God, O Holy Love, O Guardian, O Creator, O Healer, O Parent, O Father of us all, draw out — from your fathoms of tenderness — the care and strength necessary for our most intimate needs. Amen.