



# *Central Park United Methodist Church*

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, FATHER'S DAY, Year A**

**June 21, 2026**

**10:30 am Church Service**

*Everyone is invited to pray at the altar  
before the service.*

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“God is not absent from the wilderness. He meets the  
castaway there. The desert is not the end of the story.”

— Douglas Kaine McKelvey, *Every Moment Holy*

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**Pastor:** Rev. Raquel Alston

**Minister of Music:** Mr. Matthew Caputy

**Reader:** Rev. Brian Rotach

**Videographer:** Mr. Frank Murphy

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*We are a Christ-centered community  
of faith and love, reaching out to all.*

*The flowers at the altar are given by Steve & Anne Hunt, in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Genesis 21:8–10, 12–20; Matthew 10:26–33, 37–39

**ONE:** Hagar was sent away with her child—alone in the wilderness, water gone, hope exhausted!

**MANY: She lifted her voice and wept!**

**ONE:** And God heard the voice of the boy—the angel of God called out from heaven!

**MANY: Do not be afraid! God has heard the voice of the child!**

**ONE:** Jesus said: Do not fear those who kill the body—

**MANY: Even the hairs of your head are all counted!**

**ONE:** Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it!

**ALL: Let us worship the God who hears every cry and sees every child!**

#### **DECLARATION & PRAISE**

Songs: Based on Matthew 10:26–33, 37–39

“What are two sparrows worth? Yet not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father. Do not be afraid—you are of more value than many sparrows.”

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

##### **HYMN**

Hymnal #185

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#### **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 21:8-10, 12-20

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** (Please stand if you are able)  
Matthew 10:26-33, 37-39

**Reader:** *This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Jim Grande

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

## **THE PROCLAIMED WORD**

**Scripture:** Genesis 21:8-10, 12-20 Matthew 10:26-33, 37-39

**Sermon:** "God Hears Crying"

## **HYMN**

"God of the Sparrow"

Hymnal #122

## **THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

*A Service Of Word And Table II*

Hymnal #12-15

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER / OMBI LA BWANA YESU (Swahili)**

### **English**

### **Swahili + Pronunciation**

Our Father, who art in heaven

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni (BAH-bah YEH-too oo-LEE-yeh mm-bee-NGOO-nee)

Hallowed be thy name.

Jina lako litukuzwe. (JEE-nah LAH-koh lee-too-KOOZ-weh)

Thy kingdom come.

Ufalme wako uje. (oo-FAHL-meh WAH-koh OO-jeh)

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Mapenzi yako yatimizwe, duniani kama mbinguni. (mah-PEN-zee YAH-koh yah-tee-MEEZ-weh, doo-nee-AH-nee KAH-mah mm-bee-NGOO-nee)

Give us this day our daily bread.

Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku. (oo-TOO-peh LEH-oh mm-KAH-teh WEH-too wah KEE-lah SEE-koo)

And forgive us our trespasses,

Na utusamehe makosa yetu. (nah oo-too-sah-MEH-heh mah-KOH-sah YEH-too)

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Kama nasi tunavywasamehe wako sahihi wetu. (KAH-mah NAH-see too-nah-vee-yoh-wah-sah-MEH-heh wah-koh-SAH-jee WEH-too)

And lead us not into temptation,

Wala usitutie katika majaribu. (WAH-lah oo-see-too-TEE-eh kah-TEE-kah mah-jah-REE-boo)

**English**

**Swahili + Pronunciation**

But deliver us from evil.

Lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu. (lah-KEE-nee oo-too-oh-KOH-eh nah YOO-leh mm-WOH-voo)

Amen.

Amina. (ah-MEE-nah)

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**DOXOLOGY**

“God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CHURCH LIFE & MINISTRY**

**HYMN**

“The Gift of Love”

Hymnal #408

**BENEDICTION**

Go forth knowing that your cries are heard. You are not invisible to God—not in the wilderness, not in the hard season, not in the moment when the water runs out. As we honor fathers today, we give thanks for every act of faithful presence, every sacrifice made in obscurity, every name spoken over a child. And we remember that our Heavenly Father sees, hears, and provides. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, go and live without fear. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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