

Date: June 16, 2024
Season of the Holy Spirit
Father's Day

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

O, like the tiny mustard seed, grow us good roots. Dig down into our souls, bore into our hearts and minds. Grow into so large a plant that all of our actions, all of our loves, our selves nestle and shelter in your branches.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Faith of our Fathers

F. Faber and J. Walton

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

Called to be branches in Christ's body,

we yearn to be connected to the vine.

Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

we seek God's nurturing presence.

*Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

GTG 250

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

How you must grieve over us, God of all. You give us blessings to share with others, but we hoard everything for ourselves failing to live into our created potential. You look for us to join you in serving the most vulnerable but find us worshiping the wealthy and powerful. You offer us joy and wonder to embrace, but we continue to cling to weapons and things.

Have mercy on us, O God, as you pour your forgiveness into our foolish lives. Plant the seeds of grace, hope, love, and peace in us, so we may blossom and share all these gifts with everyone we meet. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson Mark 4:26-34
Source: New International Version

Anthem *Now the Green Blade Rises* John Crum

Reflection Seeds

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes &
The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* GTG 14

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Liturgist

Let us remember those seeds of love, hope, grace, and peace which we carry in our hearts and souls, as well as our wallets and purses, so that in remembering, we would offer them to our God for use in the work of reconciliation and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

For the Fruit of All Creation

GTG 36

***Benediction**

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

Katherine Davis

Next Week's Liturgist: Adele Hudson Trout

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Silvia Ritchie

Ushers: Diana Greene and Nancy Tompkins

Music: Art Henry

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 @ 10AM – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP.

Please join us downstairs immediately following the service for a Father's Day fellowship hosted by the Men's Group. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate or sponsor one of the lunches.

June 23: Fellowship/Hospitality Ministry Open for hosting

June 30: Mission Outreach & Claudene Harkins Hosting

July 7: Fellowship Committee

July 14: John and Kay Rotach

July 21: Fellowship Committee

July 28: Cheryl Maginley and Silvia Ritchie

August 4: Fellowship Committee A light menu.

August 11: WPC Staff to Host

August 18: **Fellowship/Hospitality Ministry Open for hosting**

August 25: Fellowship Committee

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Barbara, wife of **Rev. David Kaminsky**, who served as WPC's interim pastor following Rev. John Dean's retirement, passed onto Glory on Friday. May the Holy Spirit comfort David and their family with the knowledge that Barbara is beyond all suffering and has moved to the paradise of eternal life with Christ, Our Savior. *Absent from the body; present with the Lord.*

Our brother in Christ, **Don Foraker** had vascular surgery on Friday, at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. **Don's daughter, Tammy Foraker**, is inpatient at Bayhealth Milford, suffering from complications subsequent to multiple knee replacements. We ask our ever-faithful God to guide their doctors to make wise treatment recommendations for Don and Tammy. May

both of these dear people have good medical outcomes, restoring them in mind and body and may our heartfelt prayers of the WPC family lift them beyond anxiety to peace of mind.

Bill, the father of Don Foraker's neighbor, is preparing for surgery to treat his Parkinson's disease. We pray to God, *Our Father, maker of heaven and earth*, for the success of Bill's surgery and continued advancements in treatment and hope for a cure. May all who suffer with Parkinson's benefit from research and new therapies to improve their quality of life.

Surgery - & Post-Surgery

Mary Jane (mother of Katy Hayes)

Jane (mother of Chris Hayes)

Ailing

Mary Boyer

Donna (neighbor of Sandra and Bill Hrin)

Barbara Miller and Hull McLean

Pat (friend of Silvia Ritch and John Hawkins)

Mimi Peters

Lois Ann Rayner

Richard (brother-in-law of Deb Norton)

Shelley (friend of Deb Norton)

Sherry Schnepfe

Rich and Lacey Pratt (children of Betty Pratt)

Grief/Mourning

Brett Aldrich (son of Joan Aldrich, friend to Pastor Eddie and Pam)

Maryann Meyer (friend of Silvia Ritchie and John Hawkins)

Ken and Judy McDyer are undertaking a Pilgrimage in Spain –
El Camino de Santiago de Compostela - "The Way".

Day 31 - final rest day in Leon

Day 32 – 34 - Walking to Villadangos del Paramo, Hospital del Orbigo and Astorga
If felt good to be on the Camino again. We've reached the end of the Meseta and are transitioning to more hills and mountains. We can see snow at the tops of some mountains outside of Astorga

Day 35 - 38– Astorga, Rabanal del Camino and Ponferrada

Today's walk was mostly uphill but on a fairly shallow incline. Further along the walk we found an abundance of roses and wild flowers. On the way to Ponferrada, Judy tripped on a rock and fell face first onto the rocky trail. Fortunately Judy is doing well in spite of her black eye and swollen cheek. After a two-day rest and recovery, we are back on the trail tomorrow.

Day 39 – 41 Cacabelos, Trabadelo and La Lugna

Both of us now have colds, but seem to be getting better. Judy is still improving from her fall. We had a great, but tiring, walk to Trabadelo through valleys, by rushing waters, past vineyards and through forests. The walk to La Lugna was all uphill, about 627 meters uphill (just over 2000 feet) with most of the incline in the last 6km. Lots of beautiful scenery and we visited two churches along the way.

Day 42 - 50 La Laguna to Triacastella, Pintin and Sarria

It was a long hard day. Most of our walking hours were uphill. The day was hot. The usual public fountains disappeared halfway through our route today so we ran out of water about 5km before our destination. Fortunately I came across a farmer just leaving his house so I asked for a little water and he allowed us to refill our water bottles.

Day 45 – 50 Sarria to Portomarin, Ventas de Naron, Palas de. Rei, Melide, Azura

Many pilgrims start their Camino in Sarria since you only need to walk 100km to get an official certificate showing that you've walked the Camino de Santiago. We've been walking up and down hills passing through forests, fields, and passing through several small villages. We had our last day of rest in Palas before concluding our pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. We are seeing many more pilgrims now. We should arrive at Camino de Santiago on Monday, June 17 – only 38.5km to go!

Blessings,
Ken and Judy