

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**June 16, 2019 9:30 AM**  
**FATHER'S DAY**

**Preparing to Worship**

**PRELUDE** Fanfare on "Webb" arr. G. Young

Meditation from "Thais" J. Massenet

**THREE CHIMES** (honoring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

**Gathering to Worship**

**WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP** Bobbi Knight

**INVOCATION** (unison) Bobbi Knight  
Almighty God, you have set us as individuals in families. May our families be strengthened by your Spirit. Keep us close together so that no challenge can unravel the bindings of love that unite us. On this Father's Day, we pray that you will turn our hearts in tenderness toward you and one another.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE** #616  
Our God Is an Awesome God (sing twice)

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (unison) Bobbi Knight

Leader: Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers,

**People:** Families in all shapes and sizes,

Leader: Come and worship.

**People:** Loud singers and quiet hummers,

Leader: Quick learners and patient teachers,

**People:** We who feel younger than springtime or older than the hills,

Leader: Come and worship.

**People:** We who go faster than the speed of light or slower than molasses,

Leader: Come and worship.

**People:** On this special, holy day,

Leader: Come and worship.

**\*OPENING HYMN** Come, Thou Almighty King #2

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) Rev. Linda Ruby  
Creating God, you bless us with life in each new day; you fill our days with sunshine and joy. Yet we confess that we are more often inclined to notice the clouds and the disappointments. We give in to external circumstances and blot out the promised radiance of your love that forever seeks to abundantly fill our lives. Open our hearts to accept your forgiving affirmation. Help us to continue to feel the sunshine of your grace and love. Amen.

*(Silence for self-reflection)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Rev. Linda Ruby  
God is always listening, eager to welcome us back into His arms of forgiveness and love. We have confessed our sin, and we have been welcomed home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #581

**YOUTH MESSAGE** Rev. Linda Ruby

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Hearing The Word**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**MORNING MESSAGE** Rev. Linda Ruby  
It was the Father's Idea

