

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**June 20, 2021—Father's Day**

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #23 "The God of Abraham Praise" *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading Luke 15:11-24

One: This is the story Jesus told one day about a father's love:

There was a father who had two sons, and one of them said,

**All: "Dad, give me my part of the inheritance now."**

**Then he went off and spent it on cheap thrills;  
then he had to take a job slopping hogs.**

One: He was hungry, so hungry he thought about stealing  
the garbage he was feeding the pigs. Then he thought,

**All: "My father's servants live better than this!  
I'll go back and fall at my father's feet."**

One: He practiced the speech he was planning to give  
to his father on the day he returned:

**All: "Father, I've sinned against heaven and you.  
I'm not worthy to be your son;  
just let me be one of your servants, and I'll be content."**

One: So the young man walked slowly back  
to his father's house, rehearsing his speech along the way.

**All: But his father saw him coming.  
Overcome with joy, the old man ran like a fool  
down the road to meet his child.**

One: And before the young man could finish his speech,  
his father threw his arms around him,  
brought him home, killed the fatted calf,

and gave a feast for all to celebrate. He said:

**All: "I had to do it, don't you see?"**

**I thought my beloved child was gone forever  
but now he's come home. He's come home!"**

One: Some people liked the way this story came out—  
other people, not so much.

**All: Still—this is the story Jesus told one day  
about a father's extravagant love for his child.**

\*Hymn: #639 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

\*Doxology and Offering prayer

Scripture Mark 4:35-41

\*Hymn #592 "Jesus Calls Us"

Sermon "a great calm"

\*Hymn #586 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

\*Benediction

\*Response #23 "The God of Abraham Praise" *vs. 3, 4*

Postlude

*Scripture Readings for June 27: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27;  
Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:22-33.*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*



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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*