



The
kingdom
of God
is like
a mustard
seed

MARK 4:30-31



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“In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people.”

Watchword for the Week: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High. **Psalm 92:1**

Prelude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

Call to Worship

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Introit Hymn— Daily Texts June 17, 2018 (Sung)**

The Chancel Choir

***Processional Hymn #460 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*** Father’s Day Liturgy**

Bro. Emiel Henry

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember fathers, we give you thanks for our fathers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in the form of time, courage and patience. We thank you for the men who raised us, who were our fathers in childhood; whether biological father, adopted dad, older brother, uncle, grandfather, stepfather or someone else. We thank you for those men who guided and protected us, who cared for us and held us in your love. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our fathers.

We pray for men who espouses the sacred values of marriage.

May they find joy and satisfaction in following your will.

We pray for older fathers whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new fathers experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for men who will soon be fathers.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for fathers who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for fathers who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for fathers who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-fathers.

Grant them patience, understanding and love.

We pray for fathers who are separated from their children.

Grant them, faith, love and hope.

We pray for fathers in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for fathers who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for fathers whose children's lives ended in abortion.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for fathers who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive fathers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for boys and men who think about being fathers.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for men who desperately want, or wanted, to be fathers.

Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all men who have assumed the father's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their fathers in the past year.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection. **Amen.**

(All fathers, men, and boys are invited to stand for a blessing.)

Lord, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful fathers in scripture, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Zechariah. Now hear the names of other men who have inspired us by their fatherly examplesWe are mindful this day of all these men, and especially Joseph the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these men and boys gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

***Hymn #731 (vs. 1 & 2) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Welcome & Announcements

Bro. Patrick Smith

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"

***Greeting Hymn "Bind Us Together"**

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken, Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

Father of the Year Presentation

Praise and Worship

The Praise and Worship Team

***Prayer of Intercession**

The Prayer Warriors

#1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 92:1-15

Sis. Olivette Simon

2nd Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Bro. Zachary Joseph

***Choral Response #846**

"Glory be to you, O Lord"

***THE GOSPEL**

Mark 4:26-34

Sis. Ernestine Harris

***Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"**

Worship through Song

The Chancel Choir

SERMON: "Rise Up! O Men of God."

Rev. Nigel Powell

*** Hymn**

"Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us, O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing, If our God our Father be.

Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us, All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us, Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying, Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending, Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, Nothing can our peace destroy.

***Offertory Sentence:** And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD.

(Leviticus 27:30 NKJV)

***Dedication of Tithes & Offering:**

Heavenly father, accept these gifts that we offer today as a love offering from hearts filled with gratitude for all your manifold blessings. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings Hymn # "Faith of Our Fathers"

Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy, Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate, If they, like them should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive, To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God, Mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love, Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Ascription of Praise #817 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Sunday School Presentations

***Benediction**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Recessional Hymn #533 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

Organ Postlude (Congregation seated)

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship the Lord on the day we celebrate on the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the So-

United Moravian Church Men's Fellowship

Proudly Presents

An Evening of Entertainment

at

Eastwood Manor

3371 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, NY 10469 718-654-4200

Friday, June 22, 2018

Cocktail Hour: 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Dinner & Dance: 10:00 - 2:00 am

Open Bar - Good Mobil



Donations: \$90 per person

RSVP by June 15th

For tickets contact:

Bro. Allan C. Joseph:

Bro. Lloyd Farquharson

Bro. Oswald Steele

Bro. Stephen James Sr.

Bro. Philbert Jeffrey

Bro. Wendell Smith

Bro. Julio Gumbs

THIS FRIDAY!!

Rev. Nigel Powell - Pastor

Soldiers for Christ, RISE UP!





United Moravian Church Annual Picnic

presented by

The Board of Trustees & Men's Fellowship

Saturday July 7, 2018



**Have fun with family & friends in the scenic
FDR State Park.**

**Buses leave United at 8:00 am sharp, and exit the
park at 6:00 pm.**



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Bus ticket donations: Adults \$35 Children \$25

cial Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

Announcements June 17, 2018

- **Our Provincial Synod begins on Thursday June 21st and goes until Monday June 25th. The elected delegates to the 2018 Provincial synod are Sisters Elfrieda Daniel, Bernalyn Jones Clarke, and the alternate is Bro. Philbert Jeffrey. Together we shall, "Gather.... Grow ... Go!"**
- **Please join us for Bible Study this Wed. at 6:30 pm. You may also join in via phone by calling 605 -475-4742 and use access code 824450 at 6:30 pm.**
- **The memorial service for Sis. Minerva Joseph is this Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 pm.**
- **The Board of Trustees meets Thursday June 21st at 7:00 pm.**
- **The Men's Fellowship Dinner Dance is this Friday the 22nd. Do you have your ticket? Donations are \$90, per person. Please see any Fellowship member for tickets.**
- **All current college bound students should apply for C.A.R.D scholarship money by June 30th 2018. Applications are on the rack. Speak with Sis. Claire McKay, Bro. Wendell Smith or any C.A.R.D member if questions arise.**
- **The Antigua-Barbuda Group still have a slot for you to join them on their trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Ohio. The trip is from Mon. Aug. 27th to Sat. Sept. 1st. There are flyers with complete details available in the Narthex, and on the rack.**
- **Tickets for the July 7th UMC picnic are available from a Men's Fellowship or Board of Trustees member. It will be at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children under 13. Please support the church by leaving your car behind and boarding the bus.**
- **This years John Hus Festival will be held at Castleton Hill Moravian Church on Staten Island on July 8th. The service is at 10:00, and one bus will leave United. Additional information is forthcoming.**
- **Call the church office to reserve a seat on the bus to Castleton July 8th.**
- **On Wed. July 11th United is sponsoring a free concert featuring the Unity Brass Band from South Africa. The concert is being held here at 7:00 pm, and upon arrival, a good-will offering would be appreciated. Mark your calendar for an evening of fine music.**
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Jesus Is Our Savior!". The date is July 16th - 27th. More adult and youth volunteers are needed. Please see Sis. Jonelle Bernard for more information. Registration forms are on the rack .**

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When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

Main points to remember

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Mary Joseph	2	Sis. Samar Potter	15
Sis. Teandra Hamm	4	Sis. Olivette Simon	18
Sis. Loydis Percival	5	Sis. Dominique Roman	29
Sis. Andrea Williams	9	Sis. Junie Steele	30
Sis. Viola Joseph	10	Sis. Jade Taylor	30
Bro. Gregory Brown	12		

COMING EVENTS

June 22-	Men's Fellowship Dance @ Eastwood Manor
June 24-	Worship Service
June 30-	C.A.R.D Luncheon for Seniors :1:00 –5:00 pm
	SUMMER SERVICE HOURS
July 1-	Worship Service & Communion Service @ 10:00 am
July 7-	United Annual Picnic
July 8-	John Hus Service at Castleton Hill- 10:00 am
July 8-	Worship Service at United - 10:00 am
July 11-	Unity Brass Band Concert at United - 7:00 pm
July 15-	Worship Service @ United -10:00 am
July 22 nd	Worship Service @ United -10:00 am
July29-	Worship Service @ United -10:00 am

Just Small Seeds

The prison has a sidewalk that comes to the prison chapel front door, with an area on each side of the sidewalk for bushes and flowers. Some years those areas have looked nice; some years they haven't.

One day Andy, an inmate at the prison, stopped by the chapel and said he had an idea. He said, "Chaplain, I'm going to dig those bulbs up and move them over here. I'll break up these flowers and replant them over there, put some small flowers along the sidewalk, and take some of the monkey grass from beside the dorms for the border."

As he talked, it was obvious that he was seeing what the area could look like when spring came and all the replanted bulbs and flowers would start to bloom in their new locations. I could see only the plants and dirt as they were. Andy went to work, confident that his work was going to make a difference at the proper time.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground."

There is nothing exciting about scattering seed—unless you have the vision and faith of a gardener. Seeds are small; they don't look much like what they are going to become; and they sprout on their time, not yours.

In prison ministry, scattering seeds looks like taking the time to listen and share, providing a Bible for someone to read, praying with folks who are struggling, and encouraging the men and women to get involved in the Bible studies, worship opportunities, and life-skills programs that we offer. In and of themselves these are just small seeds, but time and again we have seen how God has used those seeds to make a difference.

*Robert D. Wolfe, chaplain, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

