

Aveleigh's Father's Day, June 18,2017
Your Year of Worship
Sermon; WHO IS THE KING?
Text, John 14:1-9 p. 1157 & Mat. 27:35-37 p. 1071

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we are God's people.

People: Enter God's house with thanksgiving and praise.

Leader: Thank God and bless God's holy name.

People: The Lord is good. God's love is steadfast and endures forever.

Leader: God's faithfulness knows no boundary, no end.

People: Praise the Lord! Let us worship with our whole hearts.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, patient Friend, Heavenly Father, you are as near to us as breath and as constant as the waves on the shore. Yet how often our lives fail to mirror your ways. We are sometimes absent from our children, giving into pressures at work or yielding to the lure of success and money. We are at times distant from one another, for though we are in the same place, our hearts and minds wander and stray. We choose not to listen, to only half-hear the words of another.

Faithful God, patient Friend, Heavenly Father, restore our sense of belonging to each other. Heal our relationships and encourage us to be caring fathers, strong mothers and wise friends. Teach us the way of love and the path of Jesus. Amen.

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Intro: Burger King enters the Belgium market with an add asking, "who is the King"?

1. GOD IS PERSONAL

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. Ex.20:4-6 NIV

2.GOD IS HOLY

" God said to Moses, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen." Ex.33:20-23 NIV

3.GOD IS PRESENT

GOOD: The goodness of God means that "God is the final standard of good, and all that God is and does is worthy of approval."Romans 11:22 "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God"

LOVE: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love 1 John 4:8 NIV

JUST: He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.Ps. 72:12NIV

OMNIPRESENCE: God's everywhere-ness is not limited by location, David says, "If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there" Psalm 139:8 NIV.

OMNIPOTENCE: "God Almighty" (the conventional translation of the Hebrew title *El Shaddai*) and the title "God the Father Almighty" in the Apostles' Creed.

UNCHANGING: God is unaffected by the passing of time. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 N I V

INCORPOREALITY: God is unaffected by physical limitations. Jesus' statement in John 4:24, "God is spirit".

ETERNAL: God existence beyond time, unlimited by time., "God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in his own being, and he sees all time equally vividly, yet God sees events in time and acts in time- see Psalm 90:2

4. GOD IS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER. *God is over and beyond us. The God who as Christ is with and for us.* Dr. Shirley Guthrie Columbia Seminary Decatur Georgia

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. Luke 16:20-24 NIV

PRAYER; We give our thanks, Heavenly Father, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices that fathers make for their children and families, and the ways -- both big and small -- they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent: grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by you. In your holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

- FOUR FOR THE ROAD:**
- 1 Who has been like a Father to you?
 2. How close do you feel to your Heavenly Father?
 3. According to today's sermon why do we feel distance from God?
 4. What can you do to help others feel close to their Heavenly Father?