

Worship on June 21, 2020

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Announcements:

. This worship is for Sunday, June 21, 2020. Happy Father's Day! I hope that all the fathers enjoy this day. And I pray that we all enjoy the love and presence of God our Heavenly Father.

. Curbside meeting – we will meet and chat outside our church building in the bench area near the side doors. If we can arrange the time between 12-2 on Tuesdays and Fridays, we will meet in person. Please wear facemask and let us try to keep the safe distance. To meet me, please email me or phone me to make the appointment. revsoonghuh@hotmail.com / 647-208-5381. If it's too hot in the midday, let me know, then we can change the time.

. Thank you for the offerings dropped off at the office door and through Pre-Authorized Remittance. (PAR) – and you can check out website to start giving to the LORD.

. A lot of sad news these days. Let us keep praying for the families who lost their loved ones. May the peace of God fill your hearts. God is our Father and he loves being our father. Let us listen to his love through today's worship.

Let us worship God with our voice!

SONG – come home running

Prayer for worship

Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you. We thank you that you are waiting for us with your arms open. We are running to you, running to your arms. You are mighty and powerful, we rely upon you with all our hearts. As we worship you today, help us focus on you alone. And fill our hearts and lives with your presence and the courage that we can live our lives with your truth. Help us and lead our worship. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 68:19

Blessed be the Lord; who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

Title: Father carries me

One verse for today's sermon. I read a story from a father. It was a very short Facebook posting. He had three sons. The sons are all grown up. They are their 40's. Thankfully, they are independent enough so they don't need their father's help any more. It is a very good thing and the father is very grateful about it. However, he, kinds of, hopes that they still require some help from their father.

For fathers, it is a great joy and pleasure to be able to give something to their babies even though they are not babies any longer.

To be able to give to them is father's joy, happiness, and even reward. He lives in a crowd city area and one of his sons lives in somewhat country-side. So, one day, his son came to the city to go somewhere. And the father gave him a ride. The father wrote that he was happy that he was able to give some help to his grown-up child. And he wrote today's Psalm.

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up." This inspired me.

Our Heavenly Father thinks about us all day long. He thinks about how he can help us whenever he has a chance. Giving a ride might be a very small thing for someone. And it was not a great deal for the father in the story. But, doing something even if it is a small thing, makes him happy.

Giving is happiness.

Are you happy when you give or when you receive?

Of course, both are happy moments.

Few days ago, I cooked asparagus. Which part do you like? Which part is more delicious to you? To me? Head.

But, I ate only about 2-3 heads. When I cook them, I cut them in half. It's pretty long so I cut in half. So, there are head part and stem part. I put butter on the pan and put some salt. I made them soaked in butter. So soft and crisp. My two boys loved it. So, I wasn't able to enjoy my precious asparagus as much as I expected. It was somewhat awkward time of the day to have dinner. But I was hungry and I decided to cook my early dinner. They were on TV and computer games. But, when they smelled and heard food being cooked, they came. I only ate stems, very very chewy and tough. Well.. stem part is not too bad, but I prefer head if I was alone. :)

Which is happier for me? To eat delicious asparagus heads or watching my kids enjoying my asparagus? It's more precious to watch them enjoying food.

I am not the greatest father. I fight with them. I get mad at them. And I turn off the TV.

But, I love them. I love to be with them. I love to take care of them. I love being their father.

Sometimes, my younger son leaves his toys in the car and he looks for it. I live in the apartment and the garage is in the basement. I can't let him go and grab his toys by himself. He is too young. And I'm too lazy for that. Sometimes, it's annoying. But, still, I go down to get his toys. When I am back, he doesn't look at me, but he looks at his toys. He does not welcome me, but he welcomes his toys. But, watching him being happy is my happiness.

Technology is great. There's a website called biblehub.com. When I input the book, chapter and the verse, it gives all kinds of different Bible translations. I love reading the Bible in different translations. They give great inspirations. I will share today's short passage with different translations.

NIV – Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

NLT – Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms.

ESV – Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

NKJB – Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation!

CEB – We praise you, Lord God! You treat us with kindness day after day, and you rescue us.

MSG – Blessed be the Lord – day after day he carries us along. He's our Savior, our God, oh YES!

God takes our burdens. God carries our hardships. God bears our difficulties. God fills us with goodness. God treats us with kindness. God holds us in his arms.

That's God's heart. This is God's love. He is happy to take our baggage whether it's big or small.

When you ask God, what's the feeling you have deep inside your hearts?

Is it worry? Is it nervousness? Is it shame? Is it confusion? Is it hurt?

Or is it confidence? Is it love? Is it trust? Is it peace? Is it gratefulness?

One more story, then I will finish.

A boy went to church and the pastor told about faith. Faith is good. Through faith, we can go to heaven. Through faith, we can call God our Father. So, he was fascinated about faith. He came home and asked his father. "Dad, I learned about faith today. Faith is good. But, what's faith?" Well.. what is faith? How would you explain faith to your child?

The dad took his boy outside and brought a ladder. They went up to the roof together. After putting his child in the safe position, he came down and removed the ladder. The dad told his boy to jump down. "jump down, I will catch you."

When you go up the roof, it's about three meters or more, but when you look down, it's pretty high. It's not easy to jump down. So, the child was hesitant. He was afraid. The father told him, "it is faith. It is faith to jump down. It is to trust that your father can get you. It is to trust that your father can take care of you. It is faith that you won't get hurt if you come down to your father's arms. It is faith that your father can save you."

"Cast your burdens on the Lord, and he will sustain you." Psalm 55:22

"Cast your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

"Commit your ways to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:5-7)

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25)

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The Bible is full of Father's love. Trust in him, he will catch you when you jump off from the roof. He will take care of you. he will carry you.

May the promises of God fills your hearts today and makes you live with confidence.

Be bold with the faith in our Heavenly Father.

Let us pray.

Happy Father's Day Heavenly Father. Thank you for your love. We want to rely upon your love. We want to be with you all the day of our lives. Help us know your love and help us have your love in our hearts, not our heads. The Bible tells us your love, your Father's love. Thank you for

being our Father and thank you for loving us as your children. We want to be confident for your love is with us. As you promised, carry us. Hold us. Be with us. We want to praise you and lift your name with our lives. Thank you.

Prayer for the people.

Heavenly Father, we are going through such a hard time. Our congregation lost our loved ones. Many. Fill our hearts with your love. Be with the families with your peace and love. The hearts of many who lost their loved ones might be filled with questions and sadness. Come to them and talk to them your love. Fill their hearts with hope that they will be united again in heaven. Fill their hearts with the hope for your kingdom and eternal life.

Life and death are so close. We never think about it until we have to. Help us think about the hope you have. Assure us that this life is not all. We are only the sojourners in this world. Remind us with the true hope.

This is Psalm 121.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep

your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Heavenly Father, you are our help. We lay down all our prayer needs and our hearts' desires before your presence. Give us discerning wisdom. Give us ears to hear what you are saying to us. And give us courage so we live our lives with the truth in our hearts. There are many needs, we lift them to you. Through our lives, be glorified. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Song – I must tell Jesus

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God, And the intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, now and always. Amen.

Ponder Upon Questions:

1. What is my image of God? And where did it come from?
2. What is my father's image? Whether it's good or bad, what can I do with my faith in my Heavenly Father?
3. When do you talk to my Heavenly Father? And what do I talk to him?