

**June 21, 2026 - Father's Day**  
**Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**  
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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Announcements**

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39

(Please stand if able.)

## **Call To Worship: Based on Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18**

**L:** For the sake of your name, we endure struggles, and sometimes shame covers our faces. Yet we come to your house today.

**A: Answer us, Lord, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to us.**

**L:** When the floodwaters of life feel like they are engulfing us, and the depths threaten to swallow us up, we pray to you, Lord, in the time of your favor.

**A: Do not hide your face from your servants; answer us quickly, for we are in distress.**

**L:** Come near and rescue us; deliver us from our troubles.

**All: Let us worship the God of our salvation, whose steadfast love never fails!**

(Please continue to stand if able.)

**Gathering Hymn: "God Meets Us Where We Are" From Sing To The Lord A New Song A New Moravian Songbook Page 23**

**God meets us where we are; God comes to bring us grace. God comes to make one family of the whole human race.**

**God meets us where we are, if we but turn God's way to see**

**ourselves in need of grace, just as the world today.**

**God meets us where we are: our doubts, regrets, and fears. God comes to comfort, reassure, and dry our anguished tears.**

**God meets us where we are; O may I therefore see as I embrace God's children's needs, God has a place for me.**

(Please continue to stand if you are comfortable.)

**Liturgy: Father's Day "From Sing to the Lord A New Song Book A New Moravian Songbook" Page 14**

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember father;s, 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 hand, 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 dads.

(Sitting)

We pray for older dads whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

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

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

We pray for expectant men who will soon be dads.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

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

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for dads who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

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

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for dads who try to balance vocation and family.

**Grant them courage for the living of each day.**

We pray for stepdads.

**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for dads who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for dads in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for dad 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 dads 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 dads.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

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

**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 dads who show us the way of faith.

**Grant them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

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

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

*(All 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, Issac, Jacob and Zechariah. Now hear the names of other men who have inspired us by their fatherly examples...

We 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.**

(Sitting)

**Offering Our Gifts To God:**

**Offertory:**

(Standing)

**Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" MBW Page 817**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen**

**Prayer of Blessing:** Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

**Faithful God, Your word reminds us today that those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for your sake will find it. In a world that tells us to hold tightly to what we have, we choose instead to surrender it to you. Receive these offerings as a symbol of our desire to lay down our own security and follow you completely. Multiply these resources to increase the ministry of this church, so that your truth may be proclaimed openly. May our giving reflect our absolute trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

(Sitting)

**God's Words for us Today:**

**The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39 Pew Bible Page 1016**

“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

**The Message: “Where Is Your Focus?” Pastor Chris Giesler**

**Hymn of Response: “Bliss Beyond Compare” From Sing To The Lord A New Song A New Moravian Songbook Page 47**

**Bliss beyond compare, which in Christ I share! He’s my only joy  
and treasure; tasteless is all worldly pleasure, when in Christ I  
share bliss beyond compare.**

**When the Lord appears, this my spirit cheers; when, his love to  
me revealing, he, the Sun of grace, with healing in his beams  
appears, this my spirit cheers.**

**Then all grief is drowned; pure delight is found, joy and peace in his salvation, heav'nly bliss and consolation. Ev'ry grief is drowned where such bliss is found.**

**Jesus is my joy, there-fore blessed am I; O, his mercy is unbounded, all my hope on him is grounded; Jesus is my joy, there-fore blessed am I.**

**Prayers of The People:**

**The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please stand if able to do so.)

**Sending Hymn: "I'm Making All Things New" From Sing To The Gracious and Faithful God, Lord A New Song A New Moravian Songbook Page 62**

**"I'm making all things new," God says for us to hear. The old is gone; the new is coming ever near. So we give thanks, our heartfelt thanks, for these past days of prayer and praise.**

**We've heard your call anew; we've read and we have prayed to op'n our heart and minds to sense the new you've made. And now we plead, may we find faith to follow you where'er you lead.**

**And now make us new, too; please make us one in you. Draw us together through your Spir-it by your pow'r. So we may be the church you want to minister this very hour.**

**Christ calls us, and we are! You make us, and we're new! We live and move alone by grace that comes from you. Let us take cheer!  
And standing at the ready be when you appear**

**Musical Response: (All) In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **Postlude**

### **Pastors and Co - Leaders for June, 2026**

Sunday, June 28th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Muriel Timari

Next Sunday, June 28, 2026, Pastor Jesus Laguerra will be with us to bring the message. We look forward to seeing all of you here.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Annual SI Moravian Picnic** to be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**. We will be gathering on the lawn of the Parish House at New Dorp Moravian Church. This is being sponsored by the Central Board of Elders. More information will be forthcoming.