

**Wesley United, Cambridge**  
**Theme – “The Archetype of Father and Us”**  
**Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
**Father’s Day**

\* = stand as able.

**Bold = congregational response**

Hymn Books: VU (*Voices United*); MV (*More Voices*)

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

Highlighted Announcements

OPENING TO DIVINE PRESENCE

Greeting & Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit “Veni, Sancte Spiritus” #208 VU

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (by Robin Wardlaw. Reprinted from *The Gathering* with permission)

In the water of creation, in the water of initiation, your Spirit flows.

**Drench us in the new life that pours from you like a waterfall.**

A star-abiding One, come unto us and dwell with us.

**Grant us communion with you, in this time of worship.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn “Many and Great” #308 VU

\*The Peace

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)*

Children’s Time

The Lord’s Prayer (sung) ) #959 VU

*(NOTE – If you wish to make this more inclusive, you may sing “Creator, Redeemer...” or “Our Father, Our Mother...”)*

A TIME OF REFLECTION

Scripture Reading - 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 - Sheryl Stinson

One: For the word of God in scripture,  
For the word of God among us,  
For the word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response #662 VU “Lead Me, God”**

Contemporary Reading: “Called” - by Richard Rohr

One: Offered as wisdom for the journey,

**Many: May we walk in its light.**

Question: What is it about the archetype of father that speaks to us and calls us forth?

Ministry of Music “What You Have Done For Me” - by Tony Alonso  
(Wesley Senior Choir)

Sermon “The Archetype of FATHER and the Way of Geese”

Hymn “Bring Many Names” #268 VU

THANKSGIVING

Offering/Offertory Music “A Family of Love” - Mary McDonald  
(Wesley Senior Choir)

\*Sung Response “Take my life and let it be” (vs1,5) #506VU

\*Prayer of Dedication

One: As we have been gifted,

**Many: so we offer our gifts for others.**

One: As we have been nurtured,

**Many: so we offer our nurturing for the world.**

One: As we have been fathered,

**Men: so we offer our best as fathers to our children**

**Men and Women: committing ourselves to be responsible  
caregivers within our circles of influence.**

One: Take what we offer,

**Many: and transform our efforts that they make a  
difference in our world.**

One: So be it.

**Many: Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (p 918 VU)

Minute for Mission

- Michelle Hogan

Prayers of the People

SENDING FORTH

\*Call to Ministry

**We go forth from the worship of God**

**To be faithful to the vision of Jesus**

**To affirm each person's dignity**

**And to cherish the living earth.**

\*Hymn "I Have Called You by Your Name" #161 MV

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response "Great Amen" #205 MV

Postlude