

Seedlings 🌱 : "The Sun never says... 'You owe me'"



Cucumber vine blossoms in the church garden.

The Sun Never Says...

*Even
After
All this time
The Sun never says
To the Earth
"You owe me"
Look
What happens
With a love like that
It lights the
Whole
Sky*

Poem by Daniel Ladinsky
Songwriter: Daniel Ernest Forrest Jr
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Outdoor Worship, Summer and Autumn 2024



Wild flower meadows north of the Brookfield Zoo.



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14th with
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 4th
with the Wilson Family
ELCA Sponsored Missionaries in Tokyo followed
by a Potluck Luncheon**



**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 6th
with the Blessing of Animals
in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi,
October 4th**



Birthing season on the Salt Creek.

Let us praise...

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.



Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

---Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD



[Jesus] also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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*For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water... (Isaiah 35:6b-7a).*

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