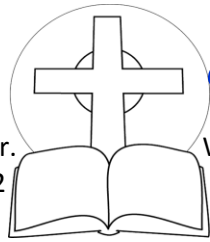


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Children's Sunday

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: It's time for our worship to begin!

Adults: We are here to nurture our faith so it can help us day by day.

Children: We are here because someone cared enough to bring us.

One: This is a place where we celebrate the family of God... old, young and in between.

All: We are ready to sing, pray and listen!

Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn VU #583 – *“Jesus Came, A Child Like Me”*


Prayer of Approach and Confession

Wise God, it feels odd to call this “Children’s Sunday” because children are always among us and always important to us. We are so grateful that you make this a place of welcome for all. Be with us today as we hear stories of children: like Samuel in the Bible and the stories of children in far off places. Children alert us to what is important in life and faith. They challenge us to be just and fair. They love you with devotion and enthusiasm yet, as adults, we want to be more private and understated. Forgive us for not being excited about you. Forgive us for being hesitant to shout our praises of you from the rooftops. Forgive us for the many ways we have boxed you in and scheduled our relationship with you. You are everywhere, in all things, at all times. Alert us to your Holy Spirit who transforms ordinary moments with your grace. In Jesus we dare to pray.

AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

The Word

 Scripture Readings – 1 Samuel 1: 4-20, 2: 1-2, 6-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Hymn VU #878 – *“Song of Hannah”*

Meditation – *“Children change everything”* Karissa Bateman

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“My Song to the Lord”*

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response (VU #540)

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer faithfully**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn MV #209 – *“Go, Make a Difference”*

* Benediction / Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Kelsey Shiaro, “Joyful Noise” Director Myrna Hagues, Organist
Bob James, Liturgist Gina Grant, Custodian
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Greeters: Allan & Sheryl Stephen
Ushers: Gary & Carol Nichol