



*Let the children come to me;  
do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these that  
the kingdom of God belongs.*

*Mark 10:14b*

**Children's Sabbath  
October 16, 2022**

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## WELCOME TO THE STORY

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*Today marks the 31st annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths celebration, this year titled "Raising Democracy by Resurrecting Hope." Every year, places of worship across the nation and from every religious tradition, join together in common concern for the struggles children, youths, and families face. The Sabbath is our expression of shared commitment to listening deeply to the voices of children and youths. This will mark the spirit of our united voice responding with care, action, and advocacy for our children.*

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## A Story that Invites Us

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All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

## SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.



## PRELUDE – “Let the Praises Ring”

*Verse 1:*

Oh Lord, my God, in you I put my trust  
Oh Lord, my God, in you I put my hope  
Oh Lord, my God, in you I put my trust  
Oh Lord, my God, in you I put my hope

*Chorus:*

In you, in you I find my peace  
In you, in you I find my strength  
In you, I live and move and breathe  
Let everything I say and do  
Be founded by my faith in you  
I lift up holy hands and sing  
Let the praises ring  
Let the praises ring

*Verse 2:*

Oh Lord, my God, to you I give my hands  
Oh Lord, my God, to you I give my feet  
Oh Lord, my God, to you I give my everything  
Oh Lord, my God, to you I give my life

*Chorus*

Let the praises ring

## **WELCOME**

Please Stand

*P: Nurturing God, we come to you as children.*

**All: Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,**

*P: hear one another with new hearts,*

**All: and treat one another in a new way.**

*P: We gather on this Children's Sabbath Sunday to worship God who loves each and every child; in the name of Christ who welcomed the children when others would keep them away; moved by the Holy Spirit to seek justice and create community.*

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*P: The peace of God is with you always.*

**All: And also with you.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You are a God who is able to make all things right and just. You are a God who loves us from cradle to grave and beyond

**All: This, we believe.**

L: You are a God who is calling us to be agents of change in this world. You are a God who will be with us as we advocate for the most vulnerable.

**All: This, we believe.**

L: You call us to pray with our hands, our mouths, and our feet. You are calling us to create a just world for all of your children.

**All: This, we believe.**

L: You have given us all that we need fight for a better, safer tomorrow for children and families of all races, religions, and socio-economic status.

**All: This, we believe.**

L: Let us worship a God who creates and cares and loves.

**All: Let us worship on this Children's Sabbath Day**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism.

*P: O God, we confess that too often our hearts are hardened to the struggles of others, including children in poverty; our hearts are narrowed in the circle of those we love, excluding children not our "own" our hearts are discouraged and too ready to give up on things that matter, like ending poverty.*

**All: We confess that too often our voices are silent in the face of injustice, our voices are soft in the presence of the powerful, our voices talk over those whom we want to help.**

*P: Forgive us, O God. Soften our hearts to love as you do, broaden our embrace to include others, and instill in us hope so that we do not lose heart.*

**All: Stir us, we pray, to call out injustice, strengthen our voices to speak up for change, and sensitize us to hear those unheard.**

Silence for Reflection

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*P: Hear the good news! Jesus came so that we would know that there is nothing that can make God stop loving us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

**All: Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Knowing ourselves as loved and forgiven, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY – “Thankful”**

*Verse 1:*

I like to think about the goodness of the Lord  
He gives me everything I need and so much more  
So I just wanna lift my hands and say that I love him  
I just wanna lift my heart in praise!

*Chorus 1:*

I wanna be thankful. I wanna be grateful  
I wanna remember everything  
that the Lord has done  
I wanna be thankful, I wanna be grateful  
I wanna be, I wanna be, I wanna be

*Repeat Verse 1:*

I like to think about the goodness of the Lord  
He gives me everything I need and so much more  
So I just wanna lift my hands and say that I love him  
I just wanna lift my heart in praise!

*Chorus 2:*

I wanna be thankful. I wanna be grateful  
I wanna remember everything  
that the Lord has done  
I wanna be thankful, I wanna be grateful  
I wanna be, I wanna be,  
(Repeat)

I wanna be, I wanna be,  
I wanna be, I wanna be, I wanna be

**INVOCATION**

*P: This is the day that God has made!*

**All: We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

*P: This day is Children's Sabbath!*

**All: We will give thanks and seek justice for all the children in our midst and all across our nation.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Eternal God, you sent us Jesus, hope of the world, who came to us first as a child in poverty.

**All: Help us to follow him through works of faith, labors of love, and steadfastness of hope to bring your love and justice to children; through Jesus Christ your Child who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Be Seated

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**The Story that Shapes and Forms Us**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Reader:** Send us your Holy Spirit, O God,

**All: as we hear your word read and proclaimed on this Children's Sabbath day.**

**Reader:** Don't let us settle for being settled,

**All: comfortable with being comforted, set at ease with an easy word.**

Reader: Instead, we pray that your Spirit will surprise us with new insight,

**All: help us see you where we least expect you, and move us to new responses. Amen.**

Reader: Today's reading is from Second Timothy, beginning with chapter three, verse fourteen.

**READING** – 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, the source of wisdom which through faith in Christ Jesus leads to salvation. All scripture is inspired of God, and is useful for teaching—for reprimanding, correcting, and training in justice—so that the people of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of the appearance and reign of Christ, I charge you to preach the word; to be prepared in season and out of season; to correct, reprimand and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. For the time is coming when people won't put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers who say what their fickle ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations; endure hardship, perform your work as an evangelist and fulfill your ministry.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

## ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.*

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL . . . *Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart: “Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d better give her the protection she seeks, or she’ll keep coming and wear me out!’”

Jesus said, “Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. Won’t God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? I tell you, God will give them swift justice.

“But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?”

*L: The Gospel of the Risen Christ.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**



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**CHILDREN’S TIME** – Confirmation Class

Please Stand

**PRE-MESSAGE SONG** – “*God, We Gather as Your People*”

*Verse 1:*

God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,  
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.  
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,  
when your children will be free.

*Chorus:*

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,  
fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.  
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.

*Verse 2:*

Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;  
and we sing for generations yet to be,  
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.  
May they, in your love, find rest.

*Chorus*

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.

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**MESSAGE** – *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

## **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

**L:** Who will advocate for the unwanted children, and work to see that every child enters school ready to learn, with strong early childhood experiences that are safe and nurturing?

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

*P: Who will believe, and act on the belief, that all children can succeed and perform at high levels?*

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

**L:** Who will work to support children, parents, teachers, and principals to make the best educational decisions possible?

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

*P: Who will support quality teaching and let our teachers know their work is valued?*

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

**L:** Who will see that children and schools have the resources they need to prepare every child to learn and succeed?

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

*P: Who will support families in times of crisis so the needs of the children will not be neglected?*

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

**L:** Who will work to involve our whole community, health care providers, police, social service agencies, neighborhood groups, voluntary organizations, and other congregations, to see that our children get what they need to learn and succeed in school and beyond?

**All: We will, with the grace of God.**

*P: We are called to covenant with God and with one another. God will be with us as we help all children, to learn, succeed and fulfill their God-given potential.*

**All: Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**L:** We who have been richly blessed are called to share that blessing with the world.

**All: We give freely in the joy of serving our neighbor and our God.**

# Be Seated

## THANKFUL OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG – “We Fall Down”

We Fall Down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus,  
The greatness of His mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

*Repeat*

Please Stand

### OFFERTORY



All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

L: Gracious God, with these gifts we also offer to you our lives and our love, in grateful thanks for your grace that surrounds us every day.

**All: Use these gifts and us for your purpose, that your love may be known in all of the world; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: O Source of Transformation, we turn our hearts to you on this Children's Sabbath. We pray for the Church, that we become an ever more true reflection of your welcome. Lead us in our witness to your justice. Teach us to be the embodiment of your love, especially for the youngest, impoverished, and most marginalized of your beloved children. Source of Transformation, we pray:

**All: Make our lives a living prayer.**

L: Source of Compassion, we pray for the world, in which disease knows no boundary and suffering is a shared language. We ask that love will unite us in action that recognizes our common humanity. Give us your desire that all may live in the fullness of life. Source of Compassion, we pray:

**All: Make our lives a living prayer.**

L: Source of Hope, we pray for our nation wounded by disease and death, division and distrust, pain and poverty, and so many uncertainties. Instill in us calm and trust in you that helps us reimagine our future with justice and joy for all children. Source of Hope, we pray:

**All: Make our lives a living prayer.**

L: Source of Strength, on this Children's Sabbath weekend, we pray especially for the children and youth of our congregations and communities. We hold in our hearts those who struggle with disrupted learning, delayed plans, disappointment and loneliness. We pray

for those whose families struggle to make ends meet. We pray that this weekend will inspire new, lasting action to work with our children toward your vision of justice and joy. Source of Strength, we pray:

**All: Make our lives a living prayer.**

L: Source of Comfort, we pray for those who have died, especially those who died too young, too soon, from causes we could have prevented. We pray for those whose lives were lost to disease and despair, to brutality and bullying, to shootings and to suicide. Help us to be your arms of care for those who grieve and your voice to prevent unnecessary losses. Source of Comfort, we pray:

**All: Make our lives a living prayer.**

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

L: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**All: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: Our Creator is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to our Amazing God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*P: We give you thanks and praise, amazing God, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry; You watch over the strangers, uphold the children and most vulnerable, and have triumphed over sin and evil.*

**All: On this Children's Sabbath day, we give you thanks, O God, especially for children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we may be to them, as we seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

*P: We praise you, O God, for sending your beloved child Jesus born as a baby, nurtured by his family, who grew as a child who was taught in his temple, surrounded by his community, and guided by his parents, who became an adult who loved and blessed the children, who cared for those who were sick, poor, and left out, who taught that God loves us like a parent, and who called us his friends.*

**All: This one who was born a baby needing us died our Savior whom we all need, triumphant even over death, freeing us to live as your beloved children.**

*P: On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me." Around your table, as your children, O God, we remember Jesus Christ, who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come.*

**All: We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine and we offer to you our lives.**

*P: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, that they strengthen us to welcome the children, to show your love, to work for your justice.*

**All: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

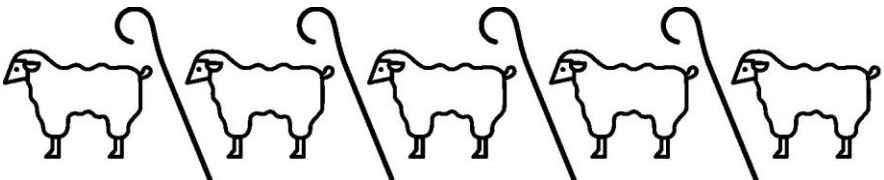
## **FRACTION RITE**

*P: This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to all the world's children.*

**All: Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Amen.**

Be seated

The ushers will invite you forward for Communion after the Lamb of God is sung.



# LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free Wafers are available upon request.

Let an Usher know if you desire Communion brought to you.

## **For walking communion:**

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

## **For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:**

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake, or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.



## COMMUNION SONG – “Fill My Cup”

*Chorus:*

Fill my Cup and let it overflow..mmm  
Fill my cup and let it overflow..mmm  
Fill my cup and let it overflow,  
Let it overflow with love

*Verse 1:*

Jesus loves me this I know,mmm  
For the Bible tells me so, oh oh oh  
Little ones to him belong  
I am weak, but he is stro-ng

*Chorus*

*Verse 2:*

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,mmm  
That saved a wretch like me, oh oh oh  
I was lost, but now I’m found  
Was blind but now I see-ee

*Chorus*

## COMMUNION HYMN – “Awesome God”

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God  
(Repeat)

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and for nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.*

**All: Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world through serving children and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people.*

**All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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**A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve**

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## CHARGE AND BLESSING

*P: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships*

**All: so that God may live deep within our heart.**

*P: May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,*

**All: so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.**

*P: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, starvation and war,*

**All: so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.**

*P: And may God bless you with enough audaciousness to believe that you can make a difference in the world,*

**All: So that we can do what others claim cannot be done.  
Amen.**

**SENDING SONG . . . “Every Move I Make (la la song)”**

Every move I make I make in You  
You make me move Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Every step I take I take in You  
You are my way Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You

La la la la la la  
La la la la la la  
La la la la la la  
La la la la la la

Waves of mercy waves of grace  
Everywhere I look I see Your face  
Your love has captured me  
Oh my God this love how can it be

*Repeat La las*

Every move I make I make in You  
You make me move Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Every step I take I take in You  
You are my way Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Waves of mercy waves of grace  
Everywhere I look I see Your face  
Your love has captured me  
Oh my God this love how can it be

*Repeat La las*

*Repeat La las (Clap)*

La la la la la la  
La la la la la la  
La la la la la la  
La la la la la la

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Remembering all of God's children, let us go in peace  
to love and serve God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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