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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Children's Sabbath

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Slideshow ~ *Children of Mt. Zion*

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:00 AM) *Hayden & Holt Dallam*

(10:30 AM) *Rachel Mulligan & Kasear Ray*

L: Blessed are the Children...who are taught to see beauty in all things around them;

P: for their world will be a place of wonder.

L: Blessed are the Children...who are led with patience and understanding:

P: for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

L: Blessed are the Children... who are provided a home where family members live in harmony;

P: for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

L: Blessed are the Children...who are taught the value and power of truth;

P: for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

L: Blessed are the Children... who are loved and know that they are loved;

P: for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 323** (black hymnal) *Little Children Welcome*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION** (8:00 AM) *Jordyn & Ryan Myers*
(10:30 AM) *Catie & Will Kiefer*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

L: Let us offer up the sins of our mouths.

P: Gracious God, we offer up to you the words we've said in anger or when feeling spiteful or hurt, lies we've told that we thought didn't matter or that we could "get away with."

L: Let us offer up the sins of our minds.

P: Holy God, we offer up to you thoughts we've had that "cut down" others or show a lack of respect for ourselves.

L: Let us offer up the sins of our hearts.

P: Merciful God, we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter and we refused to forgive, or when we were sad and refused to be comforted, or when we were hardened to others and didn't share love.

L: Let us offer up the sins of our hands.

P: Loving God, we offer up to you the times we used our hands to do things that brought harm to others, to the earth, or to ourselves, the times we were not kind.

L: Let us take the sins of our mouths and our minds, our hearts and our hands and release them to the heart of God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE² (see pg.8)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S HAND BELL CHOIR ANTHEMS**

Kum-Ba-Ya (Traditional) & *Jesus Loves Me* (by Bradbury)

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **HYMN³** (v. 2 & 3, see pg.5)

God Claims You

ALL SING: Child of promise, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. Child of promise, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Child of promise, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 427 (black hymnal)

God Made From One Blood

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(8:00 AM) *Jordyn Myers*
(10:30 AM) *Maddie & Sophie Gyenes*

L: Almighty God, the challenges facing children...each caring person are as real and as individual to you as the items in our hands.

Holding up a crayon

L: And so we pray this day for the child care providers and parents ...potential is squelched in poor care. Lord, in your mercy...

ALL: bear our prayer.

Holding up a piece of chalk

L: We pray for the teachers, covered in chalk dust... those who feel unsafe, those who feel unappreciated. Lord, in your mercy...

ALL: bear our prayer.

Holding up a pencil

L: We pray for students gripping pencils as they strive to learn... teachers, and selves, and inadequate resources. Lord, in your mercy...

ALL: bear our prayer.

Holding up a band-aid

L: We pray for children who are sick and injured...who rely on temporary solutions when prevention or treatment is needed. Lord, in your mercy...

ALL: bear our prayer.

Holding up a penny

L: We pray for the youth and young adults who are preparing for the world of work...adults to help them prepare, and who despair of ever succeeding. Lord, in your mercy...

ALL: bear our prayer.

Holding up a pen

L: We pray for our leaders in government, business, and the media, that the laws they write, the bottom lines that are inked, and the stories they pen will demonstrate an investment and priority in our children today for our future tomorrow. Lord, in your mercy...

ALL: bear our prayer.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Hear these prayers, Lord, and the prayers that we now offer in the silence of our hearts. *(silence)* Lord, be with people and these circumstances. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying,

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION CHOIR ANTHEM**

We Are All God's Children arr. Ziegenhals

OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

by Smith

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 370 (black hymnal, v. 1 & 4)

What Gift Can We Bring?

ALL SING: What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 327** (black hymnal)

Jesus Loves Me

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will
 trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the
 Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and
 he will be my Sav - ior.

Stanzas included in other editions.

WORDS: From *The Book of Common Prayer*, Canticle 9 (Isa. 12:2-6)

MUSIC: Jack Noble White

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FIRST SONG

Irregular

God Claims You

*Refrain**



God claims you, God helps you, pro -
Child of prom - ise, *Fine*
 tects you, and loves you, too. 1. We this day do
 ***2. We your fam - ily
 3. We are here to
 4. And if you should
 D.C.
 all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
 love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
 say this day that we will help you on your way.
 tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

*Sing Refrain twice at beginning and end, and once between stanzas.

**May insert child's name.

***May insert parents' names "Jeff and Kathy love you so, we vow ..."

WORDS: Stanley M. Hall

MUSIC: Stanley M. Hall

Irregular Verse Refrain

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Both vases of altar flowers are presented in honor of Drew and Danika Dallam's 15th wedding anniversary with love by Mom & Dad.

Thank you to our Jubilation Choir for performing during our 8 AM service, and to our Children's Hand Bell Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the October Worship Planning Team for planning today's service. The team members are: Becky Hester, Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder and Pastor Dani.

8 AM Sound Tech: Ivy Leach

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Welcome Team: Hayden & Holt Dallam, Jordyn & Ryan Myers

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Carter Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Sam Neff, Avery & Delaney Shindler, Ellery & Harlan Wagaman

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

¹ www.ministrymatters.com, worship resources for Oct. 11, 2015

² The Faith We Sing-No. 2030, *The First Song of Isaiah*, ©1977 H.W. Grey Co. c/o Belwin-Mills

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Little Children, Welcome

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Fred Pratt Green, 1973

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

*1 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! Earth is yours to live in;
2 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! Je - sus cares a - bout you;
3 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! We, the church of Je - sus,
4 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! God will make you hap - py,

arms of love pro - tect you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
Je - sus now en - folds you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
we will help your grow - ing, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
Je - sus save and keep you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!

**Other words may be substituted as appropriate; for example, "Sisters, brothers, welcome!" "Little sister, welcome!" or "Little brother, welcome!"*

Fred Pratt Green is a noted British hymnwriter who was awarded an honorary doctorate from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where his papers will be held. The uncomplicated tune by contemporary composer Roy Hopp makes this an easy hymn for people of all ages.

Tune: SAIPAN 6.6.6.6.
Roy Hopp, 1988

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God Made from One Blood

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1988

1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 and , felt what it means to be lov - ing, and just,
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

What Gift Can We Bring?

370

Jane Marshall, 1980

1 Sam. 9:7; 1 Cor. 3:8-9; 1 John 4:13-16

Unison

1 What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?
 2 Give thanks for the past, for those who had vi - sion,
 3 Give thanks for to - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
 4 This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it, the joy of this day?
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
 for know - ing what - ev - er to - mor - row may bring,
 these words can con - vey it, the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
 Give thanks for the now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
 The Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er,
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
 we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

Jane Marshall received the first "Woman of Achievement" award at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, where she teaches. She wrote this hymn for the twenty-fifth anniversary of her home church, Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Tune: ANNIVERSARY SONG 11.11.11.11.
 Jane Marshall, 1980

St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860

St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
 3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
 Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

1 Deer He-soos zis guh see-reh,
 eem soorp keer-kus ice guh-seh,
 Inch koo-tov ink un-toon-etz
 po-ker dug-hak, yev orh-netz.

Vo, guh see-reh ziss!
 Vo, guh see-reh ziss!
 Vo, guh see-reh ziss!
 Soorp Kirk-uh ice guh-seh.

(Armenian transliteration Vartan Hartunian)

1 Lo'u A-lii ua faa-fe-tai
 I lou sa-ga a-lo-fa-mai,
 Ua i-lo-a-ti-no ai
 I lou tau-si pe-a mai.

O lou a-lo-fa!
 O lou a-lo-fa!
 O lou a-lo-fa!
 E si-li la-va lea.

(Samoan transl. anon.)

Anna B. Warner collaborated with her sister, Susan, on several novels. In one, *Say and Seal*, this hymn was sung to comfort a sick child. Two new stanzas have been provided by Canadian David R. McGuire, an Anglican priest.

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1862