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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Children's Sabbath

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping 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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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 pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jacob's Ladder

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: When the disciples tried to keep children from Jesus,

P: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!"

L: When the disciples wanted to send hungry people away, saying there were too many to feed,

P: Jesus said we can feed them!

L: When a parent whose child was in terrible trouble came to Jesus,

P: Jesus said he would help.

L: When a woman in poverty gave what she could,

P: Jesus honored her generosity.

L: We gather in the name of that Jesus who welcomed the children, fed hungry people, helped children in trouble, and recognized the gifts of those in poverty.

P: On this Children's Sabbath day, let us follow him in word and in deed.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

Sam Neff

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: At school, at work, at home, and everywhere we often try hard to look like we're perfect, like we're doing it all right. But God knows that's not true—that we make mistakes, get it wrong, say or do something we shouldn't or wish we hadn't. God doesn't want us to pretend to be perfect. Instead, God invites us to confess our sin, trusting Jesus' promise that we are loved and forgiven, and make a new start with God and each other. Will you join now in the prayer of confession that's found in your bulletin?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: God of great and small, old and young, near and far, oh God of *all*, we confess that our love is not like yours. In the face of injustice, we often feel helpless or hopeless. We give in to despair about ending poverty, stopping gun violence, or uniting families that have been torn apart. Help us to work for justice, especially to end poverty. Help us to love kindness, working especially to end violence. Help us to walk humbly with you, opening our arms to all children as did the one we follow and in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Listen! I have something to say! God sent God's own child Jesus that we might know ourselves to be loved and forgiven children of God. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

Hallelujah/Praise Ye the Lord

Charlie Devine, Liam & Sam Neff, Harlan Wagaman, & Eloise Rhinehart

ALL SING: Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord. Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord.
Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Jesus Listens When I Pray
Down In My Heart*

by Kettelhut
Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

Joey Bevivino

HYMN NO. 494 (UM Hymnal, see p.5 for music)

Kum Ba Yah

ALL SING: Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord,
Kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

MESSAGE

Genevieve Rhinehart

ALL SING: Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord,
Kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone needs you, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone needs you, Lord, kum ba
yah. Someone needs you, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BUBBLE PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Avery & Delaney Shindler, Caroline Kindig, & Dayshon Bowers

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.

ALL SING: Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord,
Kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba
yah. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

MESSAGE

Will & Catie Kiefer

ALL SING: Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord,
Kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

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OFFERTORY

Katrina Rhinehart

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

David's Harp

by Pethel

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Doxology

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 526 (black hymnal, sing 3 x in English)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional

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NOTES

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Drew & Danika Dallam's anniversary, with love, from Holt & Hayden Dallam.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Vanessa's dad, Bob Wetzel by Vanessa, Braden, & Jack Bicher.

The bulletins are presented in memory of my husband, John Skennonto, by Suzanne Skennonto.

Thank you to the Children's Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to Sam & Liam Neff, Charline Devine, Harlan Wagaman, Eloise Rhinehart, Avery & Delaney Shindler, Caroline Kindig, Dayshon Bowers, & Katrina Rhinehart for serving as liturgists today. Thank you to Joey Bevivino, Genevieve Rhinehart, and Will & Catie Kiefer for giving the message at today's service.

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.

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Crowell & Rhinehart families

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Liturgists: Sam & Liam Neff, Charline Devine, Harlan Wagaman, Eloise Rhinehart, Avery & Delaney Shindler, Caroline Kindig, Dayshon Bowers, & Katrina Rhinehart

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Robin Schriver & Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

¹The Call to Worship comes from the 2018 Children's Sabbath Protestant Service resources, "Realizing Dr. King's Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair"

²The Prayer of Confession comes from the 2018 Children's Sabbath Protestant Service resources, "Realizing Dr. King's Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair"

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Little Children, Welcome

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Fred Pratt Green, 1973

Unison



*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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