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May 7, 2023

10:30 AM

Youth Sunday

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 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 narthex 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!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (played by Hayden McCarthy)	<i>Come Thou Almighty King</i>	Traditional
(played by Liam Neff)	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Traditional

TIME OF REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Do not worry.

C: For God has a plan for you.

L: Do not worry.

C: For God will keep you safe.

L: Do not worry.

C: For God brought us together today to worship in His name.

L: So let us praise the Lord.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ALL: God, we confess that often times we are blind to the plan you have for us. Instead of listening to your call in our lives we think we know best. The idea of giving up control makes us anxious. Forgive us for thinking we know what's best for us. Help us be a reflection of you and the plans you have made for us as you guide us through our journey of life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE¹

L: God's peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: As God gives us His forgiveness, we reflect God's forgiveness into the world. We invite you to say "Peace" to one another and offer a high five or a fist bump to those around you as a sign that just as God has forgiven you—you forgive those around you.

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 433 (black hymnal, see p. 6) *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

ALL SING: In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN & YOUTH BELL CHOIR

Deep and Wide/Down in My Heart

Traditional

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Matthew 6:25-34

MESSAGE

Joey Bevivino & Katrina Rhinehart

HYMN NO. 351 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 7) *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Ben & Caitlin Damon) *Lord Be Glorified* by Kirkpatrick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER²

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

My God is So Great

by Buchanan

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP¹

OFFERTORY (Hayden Dallam & Zach Shiffer)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 593** (UM Hymnal, see p. 8)

Here I Am, Lord

***BENEDICTION¹**

POSTLUDE (played by Daniel McCracken)

Sonatina in G Major, Vivaci Movement

References

¹Our Call to Worship, Confession and Forgiveness, Invitation to Peace, Offering Prayers, and Benediction were written by the Confirmation Class Youth at their Spring Retreat

²The Prayers of the People were written by our Sunday Funday Kids in April 2023.

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**THANK YOU TO ALL THE YOUTH, CHILDREN,
AND ADULTS WHO MADE THIS YOUTH SUNDAY
SERVICE POSSIBLE!!!**

This is the Day

Les Garrett

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Piano 

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

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God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

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glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

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glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence; seek - ing word and mel - o -
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

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tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
- dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and
- ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our ife, e - ter - ni -

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free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
- ty. In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

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be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can
- y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can
- ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can

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see.
see.
see.

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

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there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

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were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. I was
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. Should you
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

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there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be
find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

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there in case you wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

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All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

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stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I

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I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you

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lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.