



*“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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# Welcome and Announcements

## Organ Prelude

### *Chorus in C Minor*

George F. Broadhead

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

I John 3:1a (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called the children of God; and so we are.

### \* Opening Prayer

Voices Together #969 & #971, adapted

God, maker of galaxies who numbers the hairs on our head, we praise your name for the goodness of creation and the blessing of life. We give thanks for children and entrust them to your care. We ask your blessing on these children, their parents and this community of faith. In Jesus name. Amen.

### \* Opening Songs

*Jesus Loves the Little Children/*

arr. Phillips

*Jesus Loves Me/Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Jesus loves the little children.

All the children of the world -  
red, brown, yellow, black and white,  
they are precious in His sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

I. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain:*

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." [*Refrain*]

Oh, how he loves you and me  
Oh, how he loves you and me  
Oh, he gave his life  
What more could he give  
Oh, how he loves you  
Oh, how he loves me  
Oh, how he loves you and me  
You and me

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with Our Children

### Congregational Prayer

#### Song

*Christ be in my mind (Teresa's Prayer)*

# 1133

"Christ be in my mind" by Joseph Helfich

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Christ be in my mind and in my thinking,  
Christ be in my eyes, in ev'rything I see,  
Christ be in my ears and in my hearing,  
Christ be in my mouth, in ev'ry word I speak,  
Christ be in my heart and in my loving,  
Christ be in my life, each moment that I live.

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

God looks at the heart, not the hand—the giver, not the gift.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Special Music**

*Jesus Loves Me*

Arr. David Schwoebel

**Scripture Lesson**

1 Samuel 3:1-9 (*NRSV*)

## **Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity**

**3** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

**2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **3** the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" **5** and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. **6** The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**Sermon**

"Sensing the Sacred"

**Child Dedication Service**

Benson Alemawung Etiendem

Brianna Anyifuet Etiendem

Gabriel Elias Dedrick

## \* Dedication of Parents by Congregation

Pastor: God has entrusted you with a magnificent responsibility

*Parents: We lovingly accept this responsibility.*

**Congregation: We will help you.**

Pastor: God has given you the gift of life.

*Parents: We will protect and nurture this gift.*

**Congregation: We will help you.**

Pastor: God expects you to teach a child through the examples of a godly life

*Parents: We will strive to live lives consistent with God's Word with our children.*

**Congregation: We will provide godly examples for the children as well.**

Pastor: A child is like a clean slate: it knows no right or wrong

*Parents: We dedicate ourselves to the teaching of the ways of Christ to our children.*

**Congregation: We will assist you.**

*All: Praise God from who all blessings flow.*

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* Closing Hymn *Child of blessing, child of promise* # 620

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1. Child of blessing, child of promise,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,  
into joy and laughter lead.
2. Child of joy, our deepest treasure,  
God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you,  
blessing you in Jesus' name.

3. Child of God, the loving Parent,  
 learn to know whose child you are.  
 Grow and laugh and sing and worship,  
 trust and love God more than all.

**\* Benediction**

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make  
 his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift  
 his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

**Postlude Duet**

*Make the Sounds of Praise*

Robert Hughes

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\* Please stand as able and led



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Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader .....	Ann Andrus
Children's Time .....	Sarah Hartman
Special Music .....	Our Handbell Choir
Barbara Beers, Alyce Newman, Ann Andrus, Sandy Faw, Carol Goss, Dustin Dedrick, Kevin Beers, and Sarah Hartman, director	
Flautist .....	Sarah Hartman
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Organist/Pianist .....	Bob Phillips
Violinist .....	Bill Kinzie
Dir. of Technology & Media .....	Kevin Beers