



**Order of Worship
October 18, 2020
Children's Sabbath**

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Introit

Love My Neighbor
Cherub Choir

Gibbs-Smith

Greeting

Alice Cheng

This is the day we gather to celebrate the sacredness of children.
We come thanking God for children
and longing to keep our young siblings safe.
This is the day we rejoice together as God's children.
Some of us are young. Some of us are older.
But we all are children of a mighty God.
Together we will learn from one another. Together we will praise God!

Opening Hymn

Holy Is the Lord

See lyrics below

Opening Prayer

Millie Owens

Dear Jesus, thank you for the special invitation you gave children to come and spend time with you. We love to spend time with you, because you never tell us to be quiet. You want to know what we are thinking and how we feel. You won't laugh or make fun of us. We can tell you anything about ourselves and you will still love us, even when we do things that make you unhappy with us. We're sorry.

This day, Jesus, we pray that you will make grown-ups strong enough and their hearts big enough to look out for all children. We want them to see that children are dying of hunger, of disease and of violence. Innocent young lives are abandoned and abused.

Sometimes grow-ups feel helpless and powerless in the face of such despair and brokenness. Help them to have courage and to see the great things you see in us. Let grown-ups learn from us as we learn from them. Together let us praise you for watching over us! Amen.

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

Michael Christiaanse

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering

him. When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. The kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children. I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does." Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them by placing his hands on them.

Sermon

God's Love is Kid's Stuff

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Special Music

I've Got Peace Like a River
Children's Choir

Spiritual

Offering Testimony

Amber Vincent

Prayer

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

On this weekend celebrated as Children's Sabbath in congregations across the land, trusting that God hears both the prayers we offer in the silence of our hearts and those we voice together, let us pray for the Church and for the world. The psalmist praised God as a Mighty Ruler, Lover of Justice. When I say "Mighty God, Lover of Justice, please respond, wherever you are, "hear our prayer."

Grant, O God, that all who gather in Christ's name will throw wide our doors and our hearts and lift our hands and voices to proclaim your promise of love and will for justice, especially for those who are young, poor, vulnerable, and oppressed.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,

Hear our prayer.

Guide our nation and all of our leaders, that they will champion the cause of the children and families most oppressed and govern with truth, compassion, and justice.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,

Hear our prayer.

Bless the families of our world, especially the billion who lack the income, clean water, health care or education needed to live into the fullness of life.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,

Hear our prayer.

Strengthen us to create a nation and world of justice so that every child may live with plenty and not poverty, with peace and not threatened by violence, surrounded by family, not separated, so that all children have lives of hope, not despair.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,
Hear our prayer.

Strengthen the resolve of students, teachers, and parents who are reinventing educational pathways and coping with unprecedented challenges to learning.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,
Hear our prayer

Comfort all who suffer during this time of pandemic, especially those who are sick, hungry, are victims of violence, or struggle without a job or enough income to meet their needs.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,
Hear our prayer.

Gather to yourself all who have died, especially those who died from poverty, violence, and other causes we could have prevented.

Silence

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Lover of Justice, hear these the prayers of your children and grant them for the sake of your beloved child Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymn of Promise

see below
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Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Mickelson/Brockner

Mark Frazier, piano; Fran Underwood, bell tree

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Lyrics: Holy Is the Lord, Worship & Song #3028

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

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Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
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Hymn of Promise

Unison

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

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

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

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

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DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE, *see further:*

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 655 Fix Me, Jesus
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