

August 9, 2020 10:00 A.M.
Order of Worship

PRELUDE

MEDITATION PRAYER¹

Loving God, too often we play hide and seek with you. We know that you are always ready to receive us, but we are not as ready to open ourselves to your abiding presence. Ready or not, God, here we come, bounding into your presence. Gather us together: your children, one and all – ready to laugh, ready to cry, ready to sing, ready to love and be loved. Ready or not, God, here we come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

CALL TO WORSHIP² (responsively)

Climbing high, reaching for the sky;

Jumping in puddles, laughing so merrily;

Rolling in tickling green grass, dizzy with delight;

Singing loud and dancing wild;

Running or toddling, legs all a blur.

The exuberance of children –

God's pure delight.

The joy of children –

A blessing from God and reason to sing.

Indeed, all things are bright and beautiful!

HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

Loving God, give us open hearts, as open and eager as a toddler's first steps. Give us open ears, that we may hear your words fresh and wild, comforting and challenging us. Give us open hands, ready to receive a blessing and willing to offer gentle care. Loving God, show us the depths of your grace in these precious moments and in your holy Word. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18:15-17

SERMON ***LESSONS FROM A CHILD*** by Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*

OFFERTORY INVITATION¹

As we give today, may we do so in love, in joy, in prayer, in thanksgiving, and in unselfishness.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹ (in unison)

Gracious God, with thanks we offer the gifts of our hands and the fruits of our labors. Accept them as expressions of our response to the life and love you have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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