

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Children's Sabbath

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Welcome to Worship William Coxwell

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

The Sung Call to Praise *One Love* Armstrong
Older Children's Choir

The same vast sky over us * One peace to shelter us
The family of earth welcome us * One grace to cover us
And Love is Your name * And love is our home
And we all get our start from it * Grow and grow into it
One Love that covers us all

* The Spoken Call to Praise Hephzibah Alawode

Leader: We invite everyone to join us!

People: We gather to give thanks and to rejoice!

Leader: As children of God, let us laugh and sing.

People: Let us celebrate the faithful love of God.

Leader: The grace of Christ finds us in the darkness.

People: It brings the welcome and hope of God.

Leader: Let us follow the dance steps of the Spirit.

People: Let us move to the rhythm of God's grace!

* Hymn 581 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

* The Invocation Anna Thompson

The Scripture Reading *Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c* Henry White

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *Stories of Jesus* Allen
Combined Choirs

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here.
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
There's a story about a shepherd searching for his sheep.
There's a story about a sower planting tiny seeds.
I learn in the stories of Jesus how I can be wise,
and how to be a neighbor, loving and kind.
Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear ...

The Instrumental Interlude

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Halsey Thompson

The Preparation for Prayer McNeill
The Steadfast Love of the Lord

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord, great is Your faithfulness.**

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Halsey Thompson

Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

The Receiving of the Children's Sabbath Offering Leah Duzy

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County

Choral Worship *Train Up a Child* Choplin
Sanctuary Choir

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

* Hymn 601 *O How I Love Jesus* O HOW I LOVE JESUS

The Preparation for Scripture *Speak, O Lord* Getty & Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

The Scripture Reading *Luke 15:3-10* Anna Thompson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *Created to Serve* Schram
Younger Children's Choir

We are created, created in Christ to walk in the light.

We are created, created to love and to serve.

All the gifts God gives us, God gives to us to share.

All the gifts God gives us, we use to show we care.

The Sermon Tripp Martin

Found It!

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

* Hymn of Commitment 687 NETTLETON
Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider our response to today's worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Receiving of New Members

* The Offertory Prayer Matthew Walker

The Offertory *Divertissement* J. Correll
Barbara Acker-Mills, organist

The Introduction of New Members

* The Spoken Benediction Jackson Walker

* The Sending Out of God's Light and Word

* The Sung Benediction *Peace to You* Murray/Larson

**Peace to you, sisters and brothers, peace that no words define.
Christ keep you safe in spirit. Christ Jesus in you shine!**

* standing as able

ushers will seat worshippers

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship,
please silence all electronic devices.

Children's worship activity kits are available for children in grades K-3 at each entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one for your child as you enter, then please return it as you exit the sanctuary.

The Lay Worship Leader for October is Anna Thompson. Anna and her family moved to Auburn in 2015 to begin working at Auburn University. She is married to Ryan and they have two children: daughter, Halsey and son, Finn.

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