

Youth Sunday

May 14, 2023



YOUTH + BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

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GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Heavenly Father, thank you that there is nothing on earth or heaven, visible or invisible, that can separate us from Your love. For those that are in Christ Jesus, I pray that I may be zealous to live as You have instructed and to earnestly seek after that which is good, to Your praise and glory. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ridley Alexander

PRELUDE

Hymn Improvisation on ST DENIO

Burkhardt

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Abby Varino + Ayden Johnson

One: Children of God, welcome.

ALL: *Welcome to this place of love and grace.*

One: We see light, hope and joy.

ALL: *We bring heart, soul, mind and body.*

One: We share blessings and fears.

ALL: *We bring faith and doubt.*

One: God invites us all to share in the good news.

ALL: *We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

Darcy Puffer

As we return again and again to God in need of God's grace let us now turn to God confessing the way we fall short in what God hopes for us. Let us confess our faults and failings to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stella Crenshaw

Maker and Giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives, and we walk through the world and fail to see your wonder. Forgive us when we are more like the villains coveting materialistic things, and not enough like the heroes finding good in all that you do and all that you have given. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you, for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Stella Crenshaw

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Graylynn Richardson

One: *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all our beastly behavior, and help us to see the beauty in things*

ALL: *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Amen!*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Luke Thompson

Snow White says, "Remember you're the one that can fill the world with sunshine."

Now please stand, if you are able, and fill your neighbor with sunshine as we pass the peace.

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS + VOLUNTEERS

Elder Twyla Morgan

RECOGNITION OF ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Elder Lisa Spurlin

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Liam Richardson + Wilder Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cleve Bowen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rayanna Williams

***HYMN: 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

CONVERSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Will Bodiford

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31 (page 137-138)

Sidney Richardson

+ Lily Byrd

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22 (page 234)

Je'Delle Ross

+ Graylynn Richardson

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Diamond in the Rough

Joy McKissack

+ Lilly Kate Varino

SPECIAL MUSIC

You'll Be in My Heart

Collins

Annika Jerge, soloist

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

Je'Delle Ross

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

OFFERING *Ridley Alexander, Jaxon Reynolds, Liam Richardson, Jo'Hannah Ross, Rayanna Williams*

OFFERTORY

They'll Know We Are Christians

arr. Pethel

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Sam Thompson

SENDING

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Climb

Alexander + Mabe

Annika Jerge, soloist

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Youth

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Cleve Bowen + Annika Jerge

POSTLUDE

Fiesta

Diemer

Dr. Terry McRoberts