

Family Service

10:00 a.m.

February 20, 2022

Welcome, Greeting, and Reconnecting!

Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: Who are we?

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God's Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Leader: In prayer together, let us ask for God's forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers. Lord, I'm sorry.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it's wrong. Lord, I'm sorry.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I'm sorry.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I'm sorry.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us. Amen.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Scripture: **Psalm 96**

¹ *O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

² *Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

³ *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.*

⁴ *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.*

⁵ *For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*

⁶ *Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

⁷ *Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

⁸ *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.*

⁹ *Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.*

¹⁰ *Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.*

He will judge the peoples with equity.'

¹¹ *Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*

¹² *let the field exult, and everything in it.*

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ *before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.*

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Message

Prayer, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Blessing

Sung Response

This Little Light of Mine

Welcome to the Family Service! It is so great seeing you all!

Today, we have returned to the Family Chapel for the first time since March 8, 2020!

As always, you can join the service over Zoom!