

Family Service

10:00 a.m.

May 7, 2023

Psalm 8

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

¹*O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.*

²*Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.*

³*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;*

⁴*what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?*

⁵*Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.*

⁶*You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,*

⁷*all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,*

⁸*the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

⁹*O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Message

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, 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 and Sung Response

This Little Light of Mine

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

As always, you can join the service over Zoom! Ask us for a Zoom Invitation!