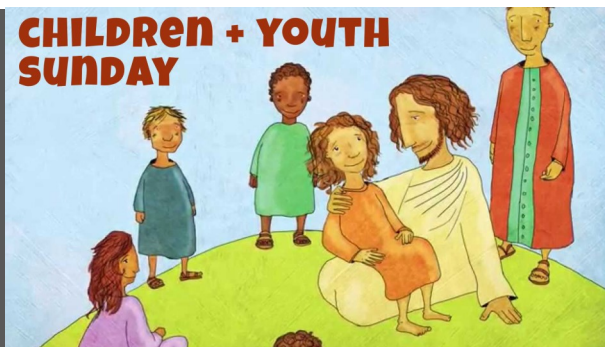




## CHILDREN + YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 16, 2021



Today's service is in a different format than what we usually do. Because we wanted the children and youth to have the opportunity to be authentic and use their voices, much of this service is unscripted. This bulletin only shows the basic format of the service that we planned - their voices will be heard throughout the service in different places. We hope you enjoy listening to what they have to say.

PRELUDE                      Talking to Jesus  
Elevation Worship & Maverick City

WELCOME

PREPARE YOUR WORSHIP SPACE

**As we light this candle we pray for you to come,  
Holy Spirit. Fill this place. Fill our lives. Unite us as the  
Church of Jesus Christ. Set our hearts on fire. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to be together, God, on these screens  
and with these people,

**together listening for your voice,  
united by your Spirit.**

In this time of worship tell us about your kingdom  
of kindness so that we can seek it.

**Shower us with your grace. We want to walk  
with you and talk with you, humbly, closely,  
and daily. Start us on a new journey today.**

SONG *Good, Good Father* T. Brown / P. Barrett

**I've heard a thousand stories  
of what they think You're like,  
but I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night,  
and You tell me that You're pleased  
and that I'm never alone.**

*Chorus:*

**You're a good, good Father,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am,  
it's who I am, it's who I am.**

**I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
but I know we're all searching for  
answers only You provide,  
because You know just what we need  
before we say a word.**

*Chorus*

**Because You are perfect in all of your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.**

**Oh, this love so undeniable,  
I, I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable,  
I, I can hardly think,  
as You call me deeper still,  
as You call me deeper still,  
as You call me deeper  
still into love, love, love.**

*Chorus*

**You are perfect in all of your ways.  
You are perfect in all of your ways.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, one who loves us like a smiling  
mother, you have claimed us as your own  
children. That claim lasts through our entire lives  
and even beyond. Like children, though, we don't  
always listen to you. We think we know what's best  
for ourselves. We think we know what's best for  
others. Forgive us for ignoring your commands and  
your direction. Please help us to believe in you,  
to talk with you, to learn from you, and to trust your  
plans for us and our world. Remind us whose we are  
as we bring before you the many ways we have  
harmed you, ourselves, and others...**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is slow to anger and full of compassion.  
God forgives all who humbly return to Him.  
**We remember we are children of a loving  
God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 5: 43-48 (CWBS)

Jesus was teaching a large crowd on the mountainside.  
He said, "You might have heard that we should be  
nice to people who are nice to us, and mean to people  
who are mean to us. But that's not what I want you to  
do. I want you to be loving and kind to all people,  
even people who are mean to you. God loves  
everyone, so we also must show love to everyone."

MUSIC                      *Holy Manna*                      arr. Joel Raney  
   Cross Connection

Lord! Shower us with holy manna,  
Lord, shower us from above,  
We gather here to sing hosanna,  
we gather to share your love.

We have gathered here to worship  
and adore the Lord, our God.  
Will you pray with all your power  
while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the spirit  
of the Holy One comes down.  
Christians pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Lord! Shower us...

Christ will call us home to heaven,  
at his table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.

O Lord! Shower us..

SCRIPTURE                      Luke 13: 18-21 (CWBS)  
Jesus asked, "What is God's kingdom like?  
What can I compare God's kingdom to?  
God's kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that  
someone planted in a garden. The mustard seed  
grew and grew, and became a tree. It got so big that  
birds nested in its branches." Jesus continued, "God's  
kingdom is like yeast that a woman hid in lots of flour.  
The yeast made all of the flour grow into enough  
raised dough to feed many, many people."

MUSIC VIDEO                      *Jesus Loves Me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, we pray for family, friends, pets and others in  
our everyday life. We pray to keep them healthy,  
safe and happy. We love them.  
God hears me when I pray.

**God hears me when I pray.**

God, we pray for our doctors, teachers, coaches,  
pastors, youth group leaders and caregivers.  
We pray they keep believing in what they are  
teaching and push us forward. We pray that teachers  
make sure we are learning and doing our homework.  
We pray that coaches support us, the team and  
make sure we have fun. We pray that our pastors,  
youth and children leaders guide us as we learn to  
love you and our neighbors. God hears me when I  
pray.

**God hears me when I pray.**

God, we pray for our President, Members of Congress,  
Democrats and Republicans. We pray they make  
good choices, have integrity, are honest and open  
to new ideas. We pray they learn how to work  
together to make decisions for our country.

God hears me when I pray.

**God hears me when I pray.**

God, we pray for people with disabilities, who are in  
need of help, those who can't be helped and those  
who don't know they need help. We pray that they  
overcome darkness. God hears me when I pray.

**God hears me when I pray.**

God, we pray for those on our church's prayer list.  
Bring health and wholeness to those who are sick.  
Bring comfort to those who have had a loved one  
die. Help guide those who have big decisions to  
make. God hears me when I pray.

**God hears me when I pray.**

God, we pray for us. Guide me and show me the  
path I should take. Strengthen us, keep us believing  
in ourselves and grateful for what we have.  
Remind us you love us and watch over us every  
day. God hears me when I pray.

**God hears me when I pray.**

God, we pray for the world. We pray for countries  
in need or in trouble. Keep the world clean,  
safe and peaceful. Let everyone get along and  
build friendships. God hears me when I pray.

**God hears me when I pray. Out of all the people  
in this great big world God hears me. God knows  
my voice and God hears me when I pray.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**God in heaven, your name is holy. Let what  
happens in your kingdom happen on earth.  
Give us everything we need. Forgive us; help us  
forgive others. Help us make good choices,  
instead of bad ones. Amen.**

OFFERING

*(You may give your offering by text, at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org),  
through the mail, by automated giving through  
Realm, or by dropping it off at our office.)*

*Your offering changes lives. It helps us offer Christian  
education to our children and youth. It helps us  
raise up future generations of Christians by offering  
a supportive church family around our youngest  
and most vulnerable to help them grow. Thank you  
for your kindness, your patience, and generosity.*

OFFERING VIDEO    *The Meaning and History of  
Sunday School (Chuck Knows Church)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Dear God, please bless our church. Thank you for all  
of the teachers and leaders that work so hard to  
help us learn. Thank you for deep friendships and  
rich community.

**You created us to live in love, justice, and peace.**

**Take the offerings we lay before you and use them  
to build up your family, the beloved community.**

**In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LEADERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike,  
no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray.  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors,  
and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts,  
Lord, at the end of the day.**

BENEDICTION

I'm not what I do. I'm not what I have. I'm not what  
people say about me.

**I am the beloved of God. It's who I am.**

No one can take it from me.

**I don't have to hurry. I don't have to worry.**

**I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love  
with the world." Amen.**

POSTLUDE

***Bold text indicates congregational response.***

*Please join us in our Gathering Area Coffee Zoom  
following the service.*

*See weekly email for instructions.*

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Gabriel Hnetinka

Jillian Joslin

Ella Pestritto

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Gabriel Shappell Smith

Benjamin Tilery

Ella Bowen Wingrave

Max Bowen Wingrave

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Peter Ford

Victoria Fredericksen

Sophia Hnetinka

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Sofia Piccone

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Andrew Travis

Caroline Travis

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## How to Talk with Jesus

Pope Francis teaches children to talk with God this way: "Pick up the Gospel, a short passage, imagine what is happening, and talk to Jesus about it."

We follow this process every day in other areas of our lives. Think about it:

1. We wake up and grab our phone or sit down at the computer.
2. We read an article, a blog post, or a Facebook update.
3. The baby/kids/dog wakes up and off we go to do all the things.
4. As we're doing all the things, our mind keeps going back to what we read.
5. And then the conversation begins.

This week start out each day talking with Jesus. Do the process above: pick out a scripture, use your imagination (what did this mean back then? What does this mean for today? Why is God telling me this story right now?), and begin talking with Jesus about it. Pour out your questions, your hopes, and your dreams. Then, keep watching and listening throughout the day. Jesus may just speak back to you in a fresh, clear, new way. Here are some vivid scriptures from various parts of the Bible to explore: Mark 10:13-16, 2 Sam 12:1-4, Lk 15:8-10, Mt 21:28-31, Lk 10:30-35, Gen 11.1-9, Mt.8.23-27.

## Thoughts about Prayer

*"But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer."* - Psalm 66:19

*"Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden."* — Corrie Ten Boom

*"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart."* - Mahatma Gandhi

*"Work as if everything depends on you. Pray as if everything depends on God."* - St. Ignatius Loyola

*"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."* - 1 Peter 3:12

*"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself."* - Mother Theresa

*"Pray as you can, not as you can't."* - Dom Chapman

*"And so I urge you: carry on an ongoing conversation with God about the daily stuff of life, a little like Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof. For now, do not worry about 'proper' praying, just talk to God."* - Richard J. Foster

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."* - Colossians 3:16

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