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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



June 14, 2020 – Celebrating our Children

Welcome!

Welcome to worship! We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms. We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather. We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

Call to Worship Worship for All Seasons – Year B, Gregory Grace, '94.

- One: From all things that breathe you may learn
- All: the wonders of God's love.
- One: From birds you may learn
- All: the joy of God's love.
- One: From dolphins you may learn
- All: the fluidity of God's love.
- One: From bulldogs you may learn
- All: the tenacity of God's love.
- One: From squirrels you may learn

All: the playfulness of God's love.

- One: From whales you may learn
- All: the immensity of God's love.
- One: From coyotes you may learn
- All: the loneliness of God's love.
- One: From brothers, sisters, parents, friends you may learn
- All: the nearness of God's love.
- One: From all things that breathe you may learn
- All: the wonders of God's love.

Opening Prayer

One: Glorious God, we come together as your people. We come as a praising people, singing your goodness; we come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys; we come as a listening people, opening to your Word. Help us to grow together in your love, as we your people worship together. Amen

Hymn

mn Jesus Loves Me Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong. Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

> Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.' Refrain

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Refrain

Story Time How to Change the World

Thank you & Greetings from Nancy Ebel, CE Committee

Greetings from our Teachers

Thank you Norma!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Waterloo Regional Food Bank

Readings from the Scriptures (NRSV) Luke 18

¹⁵ People were bringing even infants to him that he might bless them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Anthem We'll Rise Above

Reflection The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory Anke Chen Playing Clementi Piano Sonata

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

based on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 written by Rev. Elsa A. Peters

One: Grace and peace to you, our children. We will always give thanks for you. We pray for you constantly because we love you. We love you just as God loves you. We know, children of God, that God loves you so much. There are no words to express it. There are no wonders we can perform. except sharing God's love with the whole earth. For we know that the power of God is in you. We can see it upon your faces. You remind us of God's love. Teach us to see the world as you do. Surprise us with the wonders you see. Show us what gifts God has given you. And we will bless you, and protect you, and we will always give thanks for you. We will bless you in the name of our God. We will bless you again and again. Grace and peace to you, our children. Grace and peace to you who show us God's glory

shining through your faces.

For the life and love of Jesus shines in us, as we join together in prayer:

Lord's Prayer (read and prayed slowly together)

All: 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 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, the power and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn This Little Light of Mine Well now, this little light of mine, yeah I'm gonna let it shine... Every day (every day), every day (every day)... Gonna let my little light shine

Well jesus gave me the light (Jesus gave me light), I'm gonna let it shine (I'm gonna let it shine)... Every day (every day), every day (every day)... I'm gonna let my little light shine

Well this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine... Every day (every day), every day (every day)... Gonna let my little light shine

(Monday), Gave me the gift of love (Tuesday), Peace came from above (Wednesday), Told me to have more faith (Thursday), Gave me a little more grace (Friday), Told me to watch and pray (Saturday), Told me what to say (Sunday), Gave me the power divine This little light of mine

This little light of mine, whoa! I'm gonna let it shine, whoa!... Every day (every day), every day (every day)... Gonna let my little light shine, whoa!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, whoa!... Every day (every day), every day (every day)... Every day (every day), every day (every day), can't hold on to it Every day (every day), every day (every day), gotta save with someone Every day (every day), every day (every day), don't let go Every day (every day), shine every day I'm gonna let my little light shine, let my little light shine Yeah!

Commissioning

- One: This is the day we begin to find the places inside us and all around us, where God's light shines, for God's light leads us forward,
- All: from light into light.
- One: God's light brightens our hearts,
- All: inviting us by love.
- One: God's light reveals who we might be,
- All: revealing and calling us by name, enabling us to grow in faith, working in us, making us new.
- One: We go, letting our light shine...everyday.

* Choral Benediction The Blessing (from Numbers 6) The Lord bless you, and keep you Make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you The Lord turn his face toward you And give you peace.