

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

10 am

Clips from Mr. Rogers

Prelude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Andrew Potts

~William Croft arr. Victor C. Johnson

Welcome

Bonnie

Call to Worship

Here today is Love, freely available to all--
not our human love, fragile and intermittent,
but the strong, eternal and all-surpassing love of God.

**God's love is higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space,
and more far-reaching than our minds can fathom.**

No one is beyond the bounds of God's love,
and everyone is invited to participate in God's Kingdom.

**Let's celebrate the wide, inclusive love of God,
who embraces the world and holds us all in God's hands.**

Opening Hymn

He's Got the Whole World

Northside Chapel Praise Band

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Verse 1

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

Verse 2

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

Verse 3

He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody there in his hands
He's got everybody everywhere in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

Verse 4

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, Your arms are big enough to embrace the whole world - and all its pain and chaos, beauty and joy. As we remember how Jesus took children in His arms and blessed them, we remember, too, that there is no one who is not treasured by You - no person or community whose needs escape Your notice and compassion. Teach us to trust more deeply in Your love, and shape us into a people who embrace and care for others the way You embrace and care for us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

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Cue Entrance Music - "Trolley"

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:13-16

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message Entrance Music - "Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

Message

Life in God's Neighborhood: Let the Little Children Come
Pastor Jen Eschliman & Kirstyn Hutchinson

[video](#)

Joys and Concerns

[Pat](#)

Meditation

Remember

Diana Fay Williams

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Lauren Daigle | Paul Mabury

Prayers of the People

Bonnie

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 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Bonnie

Closing Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

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Anna B. Warner | David R. McGuire | William B. Bradbury | arr. Bill Myers

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so

Verse 2

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago
Taking children on the knee, saying, "Let them come to me" (Refrain)

Verse 3

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)

Sending Forth

Announcements

Bonnie

Parlor Chat – Sunday September 5

Blessing of the Backpacks and school personnel – Sunday, Aug 29

Excitement Sunday – Sept 12
Sunday School starts – Sept 19

Benediction

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Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy
~John B. Dykes arr. Daniel Burton

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