

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

“Something Inside So Strong” sung by Lira

Opening Hymn “Do Not Turn Away the Children” Binder #26

Prayer of Invocation (Terrence Elwyn Johnson adapted)

Eternal God, parent of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship, be with us God. Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness, that we may grow and serve in ways of trust, compassion, and purposeful living. Be with us God. Amen

Musical Response: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Binder #55

Children’s Time

Word in Song:

Intergenerational Choir

Sacred Reading

Luke 18:15-17 (Adapted from the Cotton Patch Version)

Some folks started bringing their babies to Jesus to bless, and his students jumped on them for it. Jesus then gathered the little ones around him and said, “Let the kids come to me and don’t get in their way, for of such is the God Movement. I truly tell you that unless one accepts the God Movement like a child, they just won’t get into it.”

Proverbs 8:21-31 (Adapted from the Common English Bible)

Wisdom says:

Our God created me at the beginning of Their way,
before God's deeds long in the past.

I was formed in ancient times,
at the beginning, before the earth was.

When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth,
when there were no springs flowing with water.

Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I was brought forth;
before God made the earth and the fields
or the first of the dry land.
I was there when God established the heavens,
when God marked out the horizon on the deep sea,
when They thickened the clouds above,
when They secured the fountains of the deep,
when They set a limit for the sea,
so the water couldn't go beyond Their command,
when They marked out the earth's foundations.
I was beside God as a little child
I was having fun,
smiling before God all the time,
frolicking with the inhabited earth
and delighting in the human race.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Tyler Connoley

Hymn "Together We Serve" Binder #56

Prayers of the People (Lord's Prayer in front of binder)

How Shall We Do God's Work in the World

"Siyahamba" Hymnal #526

Prayer of Dedication (in front of binder)

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to do
Your work in the world. Amen

Hymn "Strong, Gentle Children" Binder #57

Benediction

Postlude