

Peace UCC
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Children's Sabbath

Prelude "Children's Medley" arr. Mark Hayes
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: Where does it hurt?

Many: **We gather this morning with listening hearts**

Child: to hear the voices of our children.

One: What do you hope?

Many: **We gather this morning with listening hearts**

Child: to hear the hopes of children and
to nurture the hope within each of us.

One: How can we help?

Many: **We gather this morning with listening hearts**

Child: to hear how we can help
in partnership with those who are hurting,
as ones who are hoping.

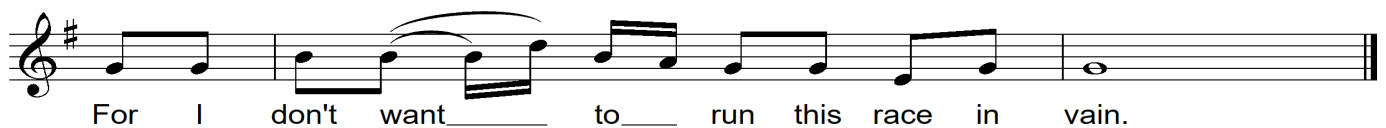
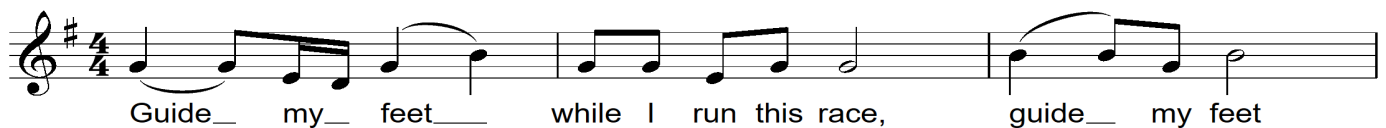
One: Who are you and why are you here?

Many: **We gather this morning with listening hearts**

Child: as God's people to worship God,
in confidence that God hears our hurts and hopes
before they are even on our lips,
and calls us, as God's partners, to help
with a passion for justice and hearts full of love.

One: Come, let us worship God on this Children's Sabbath day.

Opening Response "Guide My Feet" Spiritual



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Hold my hand3. I'm your child4. Stand by me |
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Prayer of Invocation Arnold Kenseth

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of mercy. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your Word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Witness of Music Children's Choir and Congregation
"Kum Ba Yah" Spiritual

Reading:

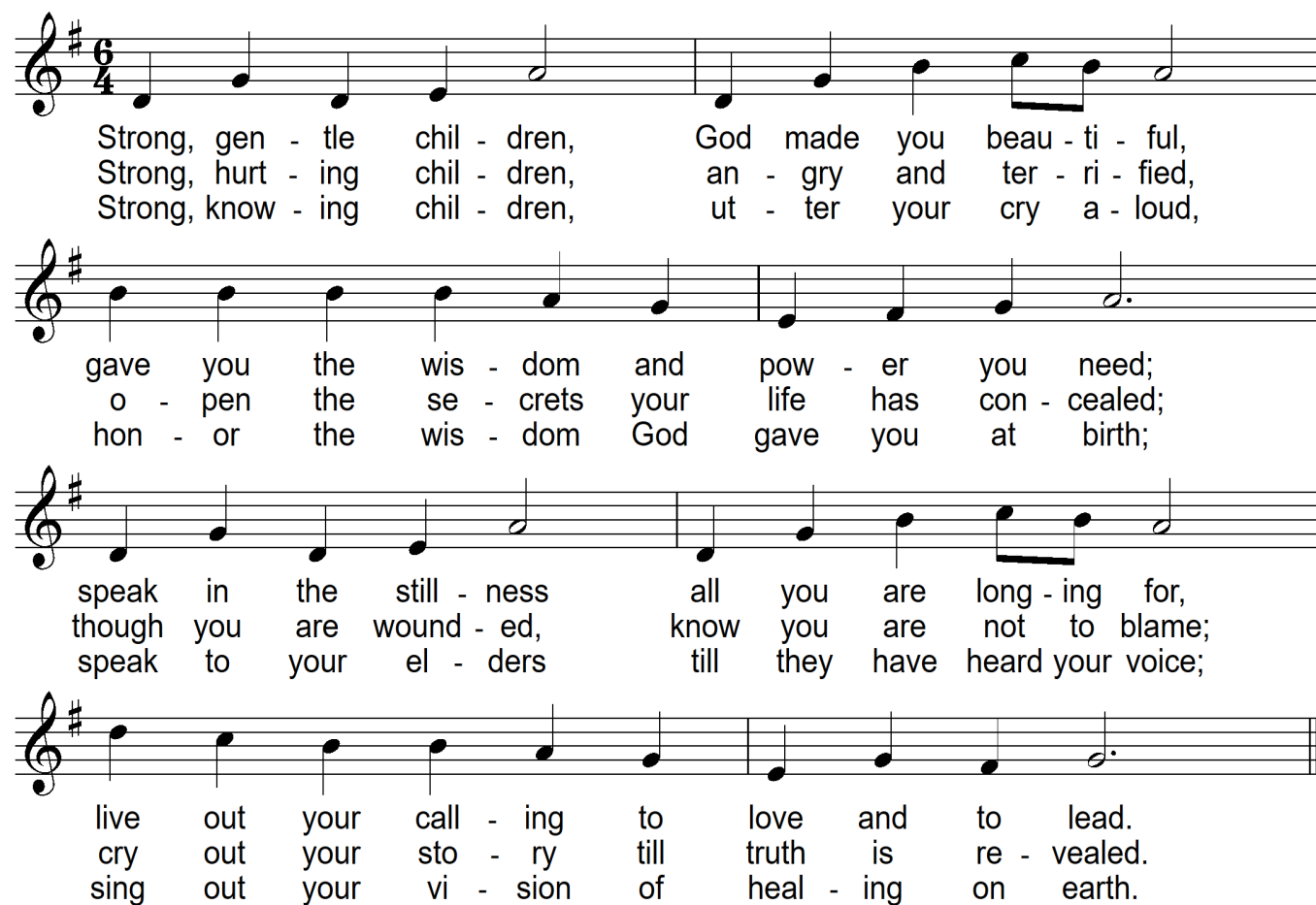
Psalms 91 from Psalms for Young Children

When I trust in God,
it's like being wrapped
in a warm blanket.
With God on my side,
I am not scared of anything
not during the day,
not during the night.

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

Sermon

Hymn "Strong Gentle Children" Dan Charles Damon



Strong, gen - tle chil - dren, God made you beau - ti - ful,
Strong, hurt - ing chil - dren, an - gry and ter - ri - fied,
Strong, know - ing chil - dren, ut - ter your cry a - loud,
gave you the wis - dom and pow - er you need;
o - pen the se - crets your life has con - cealed;
hon - or the wis - dom God gave you at birth;
speak in the still - ness all you are long - ing for,
though you are wound - ed, know you are not to blame;
speak to your el - ders till they have heard your voice;
live out your call - ing to love and to lead.
cry out your sto - ry till truth is re - vealed.
sing out your vi - sion of heal - ing on earth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join
you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude "Children of the Heavenly Maker" arr. Carol Tornquist
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