

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Children's Sunday, June 4, 2023

GATHER

Piano Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury
Arr. Victor Labenske

Call to Worship

Victor and Nate Powers

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Song: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine...

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine...

Prayer of Confession

Victor and Nate Powers

One: Let us now confess our sins, trusting in God's boundless mercy and grace.

All: Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done,

And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

With our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

Help us to amend what we are,

And direct what we shall be,

That we may delight in your will

And walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

(Time of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Victor and Nate Powers

Response Hymn #582

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Choral Anthem

How Majestic Is Our God

Arr. Dennis Allen

(A medley of How Majestic Is Your Name and All Creatures of Our God and King)

REFLECT

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Matthew 13:31-32

[Jesus] told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Reflection Questions

PRAY

Prayer Song (to the tune of Frere Jaques):

We are praying
Close your eyes
Put your hands together
Praise the Lord

Prayers of Our Children

Prayers for Our Children

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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

Victor and Nate Powers

GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing Bread and Cup

Hymn 527

Eat This Bread (sung multiple times)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

GO FORTH

Words of Thanks

Belinda Quaye and Pastor Heather

Special Guest Sunday School Teacher: Judy Hartley

Help with Childrens' Activities: Judy Ashburn, Jessica Chamberlain, David Easton, Lily Easton, Judy Hartley, Dan Kirk-Davidoff, Betsy Mercogliano, Christopher Price, Lynne McKee, Joy Tallmadge.

Childrens' Birthday Cards: Cindy Dwyer

Hymn 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, any time.

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, any time.

I'm gonna work so God can use me...

(Quietly) I'm gonna pray so God can use me...

(Loudly!) I'm gonna sing so God can use me...

Piano Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trad. Spanish Melody

Arr. Victor Labenske