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Children's Sabbath

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

LMUMC Bell Choir
Rosie & Renee Taharka

Welcome

Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Johnnie Tompkins

Leader: The time to worship is now!

**People: So now we will praise our God
by recognizing each child's sacred worth.**

Leader: The time to worship is now!

**People: So now we will praise our God
by being a blessing to a child in need.**

Leader: The time to worship is now!

**People: So now we will praise our God
by working for justice for all children.**

All: Let us worship God! Amen

Wellshire Presbyterian Church

Opening Song

(Please stand if able)

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

Led by LMUMC Children's Choir

**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.**

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

**2. Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,**

**taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."**

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

**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.**

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

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)

Rosie and Renee Taharka

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Leader: May God add a blessing to the reading of this Holy Word.

All: Amen.

Celebration of Baptism

Eliza Rivantez

Renunciation of sin and Profession of faith

To the parents or sponsors:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Eliza in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

To the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Eliza now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

To ALL:

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth?

I believe in God, the God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And also with you.

Pastor:

Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos,

you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,

you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan...

to the land which you promised.

All respond: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

All respond: Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All respond: All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastoral Prayer:

The Holy Spirit work within you,
That being born through water and the Spirit
You may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presentation of Baptism Certificate & Candle

We welcome Eliza Rivantez to our congregation as we sing,

**Jesus Loves Me
UMH 191, 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.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The bible tells me so.**

Congregation:

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ. Amen.**

Message

**Children's Sabbath Conversation:
Growing Up in a Digital World**

Tiffany Wycoff, Generation Remix Founder
Alex King, Senior, Marin Academy
Elle Richter, Sophomore, Tamalpais High School

Prayers & Gratitudes

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

TFWS 2193 3x

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114 verse 1

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
When we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Closing Song

(Please stand if able)

This Little Light of Mine
UMH 585
Led by LMUMC Children's Choir

1. This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. All through the night,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
all through the night,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
All through the night
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Julietta Koroma

Leader: Be strong and let your heart take courage.

**All: We go forth with the listening love of God
to hear our children;**

**We go forth with the tender love of Christ
to heal our children;**

**We go forth with the empowering love of the Spirit
to seek justice for our children;
on this Children's Sabbath day and ever more. Amen**

Janet Morley (adapt)

Postlude

Sunshine and Joy Medly

John R. Sweney/George Willis Cooke
arr. Mark Hayes