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United Church of Christ**

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October 27, 2024
CHILDREN'S SABBATH

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Lynell Kruckeberg

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Children's Sabbath and Blessing of Pets today!
- Harvest Dinner on Saturday
 - o Lori?
- All Saints' Sunday next week
- Commitment Sunday in two weeks
 - o Stewardship and Outreach

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Psalm for Trumpet"
Marshall Gardiner, Trumpet

by William Bay

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather here as family, the family of God.

Many: We are here: members, friends, and visitors guiding young people in God's way.

One: We are here: children, youth and young adults, with hope and enthusiasm for our future.

Many: We are here: parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents and senior members of our congregation, who are connected with many generations of family.

One: Today we all gather as children of God to be open to God's message to us.

Many: Let our eyes and ears be open to God's word that lives from generation to generation.

*GATHERING PRAYER (*unison*)

Loving God, we gather in a spirit of welcome and belonging. We recognize that these are sacred gifts that we both share and receive. May our hospitality be our testimony. Grant us the generosity of spirit to make your love manifest in this broken and beloved world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" Songbook # 56

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SABBATH OBSERVANCE

*Zina General
and the Children of RLCC*

RESPONSIVE READING "MY VOICE MATTERS"

by Amanda Udis-Kessler, USA

One: All our voices matter and make a difference.

Children: My voice matters.

One: When someone is being treated badly, I will say that is wrong.

Children: My voice matters.

One: When someone is being left out of the group, I will say that is wrong.

Children: My voice matters.

One: When someone is being called a bad name, I will say that is wrong.

Children: My voice matters.

One: When I speak up against someone being treated badly,

Children: My voice makes a difference.

One: When I speak up against someone being left out,
Children: My voice makes a difference.
One: When I speak up against someone being called a bad name,
Children: My voice makes a difference.
One: All our voices matter and make a difference.
Children: We will use our voices to make a better world.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We light a candle for all the children of our church.
We light a candle for all the children of the world.
We light a candle for all children in need.
We light a candle for all children who show courage.
We light a candle for all children who are ill and suffering.
We light a candle for all children who bring us joy.
We light a candle for all children who are new to God's world.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

SONG "Jesus Loves Me" NCH # 327

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:13-16 *Rebecca Hardy*

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

One: We have listened with imagination.
All: May our minds be renewed.
One: We have listened for wholeness.
All: May our hearts be expanded.

One: We have listened in generosity.

All: **May the world be transformed. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Teresa L. Clark

SPECIAL MUSIC “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Words by C.F. Alexander; Music by John Rutter

RLCC Choir directed by Marty Clague

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (*using trespasses/tresspass*)

CALL TO OFFERING

God’s love is not just for one but for many. Together, we create space so that love might flourish. Together, we ensure that none are left lonely or lost. Together we prepare a table not for us but for all. Together, we recognize that this work requires commitment and generosity. Building a community of belonging requires resources and investment.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY NCH # 778, TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Creator God, for community and welcome, we give you thanks. By multiplying these gifts given freely, we pray that all might be served. Amen.

*HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Songbook # 3

*BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world
to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honor all people;
love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy spirit.

The blessing of God Almighty,
go with you and remain with you always.
Go in Christ's peace,
with kindness and love. Amen.

*SENDING SONG "How Majestic Is Your Name" Songsheet

After Worship, please join us downstairs for fellowship hosted by Laura Ymker

"Blessing of the Animals" will be held downstairs at 11:30 a.m. today!
Bring your pet or a picture of your pet and join us as we bless the animals and their people.



We are an Open and Affirming Church.

Transitional Pastor Teresa Clark is available for **pastoral care** emergencies and visits. Please contact her by calling or texting **406-717-9745** or by emailing rlccminister@gmail.com.

Deacons serving today are Mark Sechler and Audrey Clark.

Jay West records our Sunday Worship Services. If you wish to restrict the use of photos and videos that include you, please complete the Photo/Video Opt-out form and deliver it to the church office.

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Gathering Prayer, Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication by Rev. Dr. Ned Allyn Parker in UCC Stewardship Resource: Imagine Together.

My Voice Matters: a Responsive Reading for Children by Amanda Udis-Kessler, posted on the website Worship Words: Creative and Refreshing Liturgy for Today's Church, worshipwords.co.uk/my-voice-matters-a-responsive-reading-for-children-amanda-udis-kessler-usa/