

# GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life  
Lift up your hearts.

Bob Stillerman

**We lift them up to the Lord in worship!**

Blessing of the Blanket

# ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* Honoré

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation Woody Catoe

†Hymn *Lord, for the Gift of Children* NYLAND

**Lord, for the gift of children We come to give You praise;  
We bring them here before You As they begin their days.  
Each one is loved and precious, Yet they are not our own;  
We give them back in faith, Lord, And trust Your grace alone.**

**We promise to be faithful, And teach them all your ways.  
Help us to live before them Lives they can only praise.  
Though they will not remember what we have done this day,  
Each day we'll shape their future By all we do and say.**

**Now as we grow together, Help us to honor You,  
As we affirm each other Through all we say and do.  
Then when our children leave us, We'll trust Your Word and pray  
That what You teach they'll follow, And never turn away.**

A Service of Parent and Child Dedication and Convenanting  
(see insert)

Anthem *Little Children, Welcome!* Semington

**Choir:** 1. Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;  
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!

2. Little children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;  
Jesus now enfolds you, little children, welcome!

3. We, the church of Jesus Christ, we will help your growing,  
and our love be showing.

### Choir and Congregation

4. Lit-tle chil-dren, wel - come! God will make you  
hap - py, Je - sus save and keep you,  
Je-sus save and keep you. Lit - tle chil-dren,  
wel - come! Wel-come, lit - tle ones!

†Passing of the Peace Andrea Dellinger Jones  
May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade invited to the Sonshine Room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)*

Morning Prayer and The 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

# PROCLAIMING

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Jonathan Babb

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* Labenske

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
*(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)*

Epistle Lesson James 2:1-10, 14-17 (\*NT p.229) Jonathan Babb  
This is the gift of Holy Scripture.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Solo *Open My Eyes* arr. G. Martin  
*Jacqueline Stillerman, soloist*

Sermon *Splitting Straws* Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection  
*(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)*

# GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 408 GERMANY  
*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

†Blessing  
*"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."*

†Postlude *"Little" Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach

\* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.  
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would  
welcome your inquiry.