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10:00 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost Children's Sunday

“Whoever welcomes a child in my name, welcomes me.”
Matthew 18:5

Prelude:

We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.



Call to Worship:

With a shout of Hip, Hip, Hooray, we join together today.

Like a little one, let us come and worship.

With giggles and wiggles, we sit in this sacred place.

Like a little one, let us come and worship.

With eyes and ears and hearts open to the Awe and
Wonder of God,

let us come and worship.

Gathering Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* VU 593

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Centering Hymn: *Spirit of Life* VU 381

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light the Christ Candle to proclaim that the light of
God is around us, beside us, and within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response – *This Little Light of Mine*

Prayer for Children's Sunday:

Creator God, you have made us in your image,

and yet we fail to reflect your love and justice.

You have created every child in your image,

and yet we don't treat every child as a precious reflection of

you. We see some children as valued treasures,

and others as lost causes.

We invest our time, money, and hopes in some children,

while we squander the great potential of others.

Open our eyes, we pray, to see that every child

is made in your image and belongs to you.

Help us to love, protect and nurture all children.

We pray these things in the name of the One who came to us

as a child. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Proclaim

Learning Together

Sung Response: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* VU 575

I've Got Peace like a River VU 577

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:1-5

Reflection: What Children Teach Us About God

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* VU 644

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory Hymn: *We Give Our Thanks to God* MV 187 (vs. 1)

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song – *And When You Call For Me* MV 96

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer



