

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

September 30, 2007, 10:50 A.M.

WE GATHER.

WE PREPARE OUR MINDS FOR WORSHIP. "That Which God Does" Wes Kirkpatrick, organist

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP. "Father, I Adore You" Cherub Choir

WE CALL OURSELVES TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD.

Come Let us worship our God.

A God who creates each child in God's own image.

Come Let us worship our God.

A God who blesses children with enfolding grace.

Come Let us worship our God

A God who sustains us in the work for others.

Come Let us worship our God.

WE SING A HYMN. "God is Here" UMH 660

WE WELCOME EVERYONE.

WE PRAY TOGETHER.

Lord, we pray for the children of our congregation.

(Say the name of a child in our congregation.)

We pray for the children of our congregation, for the children involved in our ministries, in Parents Day Out, in Day School, in Challengers, and in Ministry of Love. May each child know they are loved.

Lord, we pray for the children in our neighborhoods.

(Say the name of a child in your own neighborhood.)

We pray for the children in our neighborhoods. We pray that your peace will bind together families in discord and schools and neighborhoods that have become battlegrounds. May we work together to provide positive, peaceful, and productive futures for all children.

Lord, we pray for the needs of the children of our nation.

(Name a situation of children in need in our nation.)

Lord, we pray for the needs of the children of our nation. We pray that your vision will guide our leaders and those working for issues affecting children. May their commitment be sustained. May you guide them to do what is right to protect children and families.

Lord, we pray for the children of your world.

(Name a country whose children need our prayer.)

Lord, we pray for the children of your world. May you challenge us to respond with compassion and caring to the hurt of all of your children. May we be guided by faith, motivated by love, and sustained by hope. Amen.

WE GIVE MONEY TO HELP OTHERS. “Jesus Loves Me” Jubilate
Today I am giving you special offering containers to collect our offering. They are symbols of the people
who are helped by our gifts.
Offering plate—congregation Sandbucket—neighborhood children
Soup pot—nation Basket—world

WE GATHER FOR WORD AND WONDER. “Where Children Belong” 2233 TFWS

WE HEAR A SONG. “Children of God” Choristers and Chancel Choir
Melanie Scarborough and Shirley Barber, soloists

WE HEAR THE SCRIPTURE READ. Jeremiah 1:4-10

WE EXPERIENCE THE MESSAGE.

WE LIGHT A CANDLE TO SHOW OUR COMMITMENT.

The children in our congregation need a voice...a voice filled with praise and commitment.

A voice inspired by a God of covenant promises and steadfast love.

We light a candle for the children of our congregation.

The children in our neighborhood need a voice...a voice filled with vision and accountability.

A voice inspired by a God who calls us to love neighbor and stranger.

We light a candle for the children of our neighborhoods.

The children of this nation need a voice...a voice filled with compassion and strength.

A voice inspired by a God of love and justice for all people—especially children.

We light a candle for the children of our nation.

The children of the world need a voice...a voice brought out of our congregations, our neighborhoods,
and our nation.

**Through prayer and action let us together commit to making a difference for children
everywhere, so that they, and we, may grow into the fullness of God’s creation.**

We light a candle for the children of our world.

WE SING A SONG. “This Little Light of Mine” UMH 585

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL.

WE SING A SONG. “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” TFWS 2153

WE HEAR A PRAYER OF BLESSING.

WE LEAVE TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS.

Hymns with the 3-digit numeral are found in The United Methodist Hymnal. Hymns with the 4-digit numeral are found in The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement. You are invited to stand as able at the places in the service marked with an asterisk.

The FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the Glory of God IN HONOR OF FOSTER and HELEN ROSEBROUGH’S 65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY from the Gowen and Rosebrough families.

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