June 8, 2008
Children's Sunday
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"God does not place hope in you for which God has not already provided possibility."

Donald Joiner

Gathering in the Spirit

GATHERING "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" No. 191 verse 1

PRELUDE "Passepied" André Campra

CALL TO WORSHIP Amy De Haas

God called Abraham and Sarah to leave their old, familiar home for a new land, and God calls us to day to move forward in faith.
Therefore we gather together to worship God.
Jesus called Matthew to leave his old work for a new brand of discipleship, and Jesus call us to be disciples too.
So we gather together to praise God.
The Spirit is among us, calling us to leave old resentments and hurts for new healing, and to be part of healing one another.
The Living God is calling us to leave our familiar past with its old, familiar ways and embrace a new God-shaped future. Thanks be to God!

*SINGING "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

*OPENING IN PRAYER

Holy One, you who call us to be your family, one family of daughters and sons, to care for your world and all your creatures, teach us how to work with your Spirit to heal what is hurt, to reconcile what is broken, and to witness to new life where there is grief and suffering. Through your children's partnership with you, may your creation rise up to sing with joy and dance with abundant vitality. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**All who are able, please stand.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:14 Second & Third Graders

CHILDREN'S TIME "Our Sunday School"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *insert*

Opening to God's Word

ANTHEM "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Children's & Adult Choirs

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 12:1-9 Christian Travers

RECEIVING PRAYER REQUESTS AND SINGING

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Led by Children through the First Grade

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SINGING "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No. 277

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

MESSAGE

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Cantilena" Edward Broughton

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SINGING “Swing Low” No. 703

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE “Rise, O Children of Salvation”

Liturgist s Sunday School Children

Communion will be offered at the altar rail immediately following worship for all who wish to partake. Please listen for the bell.

Come join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship!

We hope you'll want to take your Bulletins home, but if not please remember to put them in the recycle bin.

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