

**Family Service**

10:00 a.m.

September 22, 2024

Welcome, Greeting, and Reconnecting!

Expressing Our Expectation of Joy

*Leader: Who are you?*

**People: I am a child of God.**

*Leader: Who are we?*

**People: We are children of God, the family of faith.**

*Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?*

**People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.**

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God's Forgiveness (*responsive*)

*Leader: In prayer together, let us ask for God's forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it's wrong. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us. Amen.*

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

**Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd;*

*I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:*

*he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil:*

*for thou art with me;*

*thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:*

*thou anointest my head with oil;*

*my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Message

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Blessing and Sung Response

*This Little Light of Mine*

Welcome to the Family Service in the Family Chapel!

It is so great seeing you all!