

**Family Service**

10:00 a.m.

March 23, 2025

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

**Matthew 12:46-50**

*<sup>46</sup>While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. <sup>47</sup>Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." <sup>48</sup>But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup>And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup>For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*

Message

*The Family of Faith*

Michelle Page

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!

### March, April, and May Family Services

March 16	<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	Breezy and Middle School Youth
March 23		Michelle Page
March 30		Neila Cary
April 6		Neila Cary
April 13	Palm Sunday & (Easter Egg Hunt)	Families Stay in the Sanctuary
April 20	Easter	No Family Service

---

### May

By popular request, we will begin having families worshipping together in the sanctuary once a month. We are calling these Sundays, *Family Sundays*. Most months, *Family Sundays* will be the first Sunday of the month ~ a communion Sunday. There will be a Children's Message on these Sundays. Nursery will be available for infants and toddlers.

The first *Family Sunday* will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. Matthew already has something special planned for us!

### March, April, and May Family Services

March 16	<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	Breezy and Middle School Youth
March 23		Michelle Page
March 30		Neila Cary
April 6		Neila Cary
April 13	Palm Sunday & (Easter Egg Hunt)	Families Stay in the Sanctuary
April 20	Easter	No Family Service

---

### May

By popular request, we will begin having families worshipping together in the sanctuary once a month. We are calling these Sundays, *Family Sundays*. Most months, *Family Sundays* will be the first Sunday of the month ~ a communion Sunday. There will be a Children's Message on these Sundays. Nursery will be available for infants and toddlers.

The first *Family Sunday* will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. Matthew already has something special planned for us!