



“A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”



*He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” - Jesus*

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
 WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS
 WELCOMING OF GUESTS
 PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor
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CALL TO WORSHIP/CONGREGATIONAL
 (Based on Acts 4:31-37)

Liturgist

Liturgist: As early followers of Jesus gathered for fellowship and worship, praying and singing and reading the scriptures, so we gather this morning.

Congregation: We read in Acts that the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

Liturgist: One heart.

Congregation: One soul.

Liturgist: They shared everything—everything they owned, everything they had.

Congregation: God's grace was at work in them, powerfully at work within them all.

Liturgist: There was not a needy person among them.

Congregation: May it be so for us as well.

All: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn of Promise (v.1-3)

UMH#707

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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**Please stand as you are able*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: (1 Samuel 3:9-10 NIV)

So, Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, today we are listening for Your call. Perhaps You have something special for us to do. When You call, we will answer, "Here I am." In Jesus' name, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Acts 4:32-37 NIV)

Liturgist

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. ³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (v. 1-4)

UMH #611

SERMON ANTHEM:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Choir

SERMON

Rev. Brian Carr

Title: "Ripples of Generosity: Waves of Grace"

Theme: Florida Children's Home

Main Idea: The impact of our generosity on the lives of others.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, let the resurrection of your Son transform our lives. Make us bold in serving you and bringing your good news to other people. Help us to share ourselves and our possessions with one another and especially with people in need. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See Screen

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *This is My Father's World* (v.1-3) UMH #144

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION Pastor
Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads. Do not be dominated by anything. Allow no room within yourselves for deceit but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit. And may God be with you and speak through you; May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life; And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,In the name of Christ. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

POSTLUDE

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