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Worship Service

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Family Day

Sunday, February 19th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.

Family isn't just blood. It's the people who love you. It's the people who have your back.

"In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony." -- **Friedrich Nietzsche**

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." -- **Mother Teresa**

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Praising God

Prelude

Praeludium 1, C Major, BWV 846
J. S. Bach



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Today we celebrate the gift of family.

We give thanks for all who surround our lives with love and care.

We also celebrate the gift of a nurturing community.

We give thanks for all who reach out to embrace the whole world as their family.

Let us celebrate God, who gave birth to the world and made us in God's image.

As we worship and praise God, let us lift our hearts to worship as part of God's family.

Hymn (395) "Part of the Family" vs. 1,2,4
**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R**
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **R**
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, babies, puppies and kittens are so eager to be loved. When we look into their eyes, we can't help but love and adore them. Help us, O God, when we talk to one another, to express that same unconditional love. Deepen our love for one another until we become the inclusive, caring and loving family You intended us to be. Amen.

Hymn (356) "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" vs. 1, 2,3

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.



Prayer for Families (together)

Creator God, we give You thanks this day for our families. We know there are many different kinds of families in our world today. Grant us grace to live together with respect for one another. Help us honour each other's uniqueness. We pray for each member of our family that they may use the gifts of love, empathy, joy and delight as they relate with each other. Surround our homes and church with love and compassion. Help us live each day with integrity and peace in our hearts and minds. Amen.

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Hymn (556) "Would You Bless Our Homes..."
vs. 1,3,4

- 1 Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

- 3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

- 4 Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Acts 2:46-47; 4:32
C. MacLean
(The believers live as God's people.)

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Gospel Lesson John 13:33-35 C. MacLean
(Jesus leaves us with the New Commandment)

Solo "He's Got the Whole World"
African-American Spiritual
L. Lazar, Soprano

Reflection "Family Day" D. Yatabe Kai
Rev. Cooper



Small Group Discussion Breakout Rooms

Whole Group Gathering Rev. Cooper

Song (Youtube) "We Are Family" Sister Sledge
Nile Rogers and Bernard Edwards

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By Your grace, give us hope
By Your power, give us strength
By Your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where you lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Blessing (646) South African Spiritual

“We Are Marching” (Siyahamba)

- 1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,) we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,) we are marching in the light of God.

- 2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,) oo-oo, (hamba,) siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,) oo-oo, (hamba,) siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. **(repeat vs.1)**

Postlude "Jesus Loves Me"
Wm. B. Bradbury, arr. Joel Raney

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to J. Brooker and B. Kai for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to C. MacLean for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, February 19th, Family Day Service. Special thanks to D. Yatabe and B. Kai for helping to plan and lead the service.

1:00 p.m. – Council meeting on Zoom.

Sunday, February 26th, First Sunday of Lent.

1:00 p.m. – Congregational meeting to receive an update from the Exploration Team. The Team has issued an invitation to another church and will report on the feasibility and potential of a merger. The congregation will be asked to agree that the Exploration Team continue to work with the named congregation to identify the detailed actions required to effect a merger by June 30, 2023.

Sunday, March 5th, Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 12th, Third Sunday of Lent

1:00 p.m. - The Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

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BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in for our service next Sunday.

Small Group Discussion Process:

1. We are going to be placed in small groups for **15 minutes**.
2. B. Kai will invite us to unmute, turn our camera on if you have one and he will place us into our discussion groups. People on the telephone press *6 to unmute.
3. Questions to think about:
 - What do you remember most about your childhood?
 - Who is/was the root or glue of your family and church? Why?

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- How is a church (a community of faith) like a family?
- How is a family and or a church like a pot-luck dinner?

