

Morrisville Presbyterian Church

Morrisville, PA

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. McChesney

Chimes Suite

Lynne Hollander

Children's Chimes, Carol Houghton, Director

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rosenau

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: Vacation Bible School

Beth DiTulio, elder

CALL TO WORSHIP, written by our Kindergarten and 1st Graders

James Gilbride

One: Jesus gave us bread.

All: We praise you, God.

One: Jesus rose from the dead.

All: We praise you, God.

One: Jesus welcomes us into God's family.

All: We praise you, God.

One: Come, let us worship God, who is faithful.

INTROIT

Jesus Loves Me

Traditional

PreSchool Class with Marilyn Schoenthaler and Heidi Dous

***HYMN 487** – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

Two-year-olds come forward with a parent during the second verse to stand on the chancel.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Dawn Flook, Heidi Dous

Dave Massey, elder

Tristan Davis

Chloe Drabb+

Nicholas Torres

One: In the Presbyterian Church, we believe that we are not the complete body of Christ without the youngest members of our family. These children are precious gifts from God and we as members of the congregation have promised at their baptism to nurture them. Parents, as you read these stories in *My Very First Bible* with your children again and again, let them touch the pages. These bibles are board books with big, thick pages, chosen with tiny hands in mind.

Many: Children of God, God's Word and God's abundant love is for you.

Thanks be to God.

Two-year-olds and their parents may be seated following the presentation.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Riley Young

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Unison**

Written by the children of the church

**Lord, thank you for creating us and calling us your children.
We love our families and really like what we have,
But lots of times we don't help people who are hurting.
Sometimes we don't get along with our sisters and brothers.
Sometimes we don't make new friends and show your love.
Sometimes we don't reach out to poor people.
They need to have a home and food just like we do.
For every time we say a mean word or think of ourselves first,
We ask your forgiveness. Thank you for loving us anyway. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS, written by our 2nd and 3rd Graders**

Natalie Houghton

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Kindergarteners come forward with a parent to stand on the chancel.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO KINDERGARTENERS

Jessica Vincent, Bob Krajci
Katy Yates Brungraber, DCE

Tierny Drake

Sydney Flook

Avery Gardner

Stephanie Moyer

Andrew Neiman

Lillian Rushing

Emma Schott

Elizabeth Stoner

Ryan Torres

Dylan Varney

One: In the Presbyterian Church, we believe that we are not the complete body of Christ without the youngest members of our family. These children are being nurtured in the church by loving teachers, energetic VBS leaders, and by members of all ages who greet them with a smile in the lounge or hallway or sanctuary. Parents, since your sons and daughters are beginning to read, they are receiving a *Read With Me Bible* – sit with them and help them read the story of God and God's people.

All: God's Word and God's abundant love is for you. Thanks be to God.

*Kindergarteners in Cherub Choir stay to sing – others may return to the pew.
Cherub Choir members come forward.*

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Strength and My Song* Hal Hopson
With Jesus in the Boat Traditional

Cherub Choir, Betty Hohwieler, Director

*There is no Cherub Choir rehearsal this morning – all K-2nd graders worship with their families.
2nd Graders stay on the chancel for presentation of Bibles.*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 2ND GRADERS

Nelson and Peggy Runger
Beth DiTulio, elder

Peter Beidler	Matthew Caine	Eliza Davulcu
Benjamin Dous	Ashley Flesch	Kathryn Gilbride
Austin Massey	Melanie Moyer	Eric Moyer-Harrington
Kevin Oleksiak	Elizabeth Pingor	Casey Ritter

One: In the Presbyterian Church, we believe that we are not the complete body of Christ without the youngest members of our family. These children are reading on their own, but the full text of an adult bible can seem too difficult and get in the way of receiving God's story. Children, the Educational Ministry Council has selected for you the Upper Room's *Children's Bible Stories and Fascinating Facts*. This Bible is set up with 365 stories, so you might read one story a day.

All: **God's Word and God's abundant love is for you. Thanks be to God.**
2nd Graders may be seated.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Regan Young

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 97 (adapted)

Leader: The LORD is king! Let the earth have a party!
Women: Goodness and justice are the foundation of the LORD'S throne.
Children: Fire goes before the LORD ...
Men: the earth sees and trembles.
All: **The mountains melt like wax in front of the LORD,
in front of the LORD of all the earth.**
Leader: The heavens shout the goodness of the LORD;
and all the peoples see the glory of the LORD.
Women: All worshippers of idols are put to shame...
Children: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
All: **For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are high and glorious, far above all gods.**

Men: The LORD loves those who hate bad things;
the LORD guards the lives of those who are faithful...
Children: Light dawns for the good, and joy dawns for the upright in heart.
All: **Celebrate in the LORD
and give thanks to the holy name!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Matthew 18:1-5 (New Testament, page 18) Blake Becker

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Like Children* Pastor Rosenau

*HYMN 272 – *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER
5th graders come forward on the second verse to stand on the chancel.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 5TH GRADERS Beth Curtiss, Kathy Foster,+ Wes Gardner
Paul Clough, elder

Blake Becker Isabella Davulcu Stephen Oleksiak

Jordan Stoner Caitlyn Triebel

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All: **Children of God, God's Word and God's abundant love is for you.
Thanks be to God.**

OFFERING Jordan Stoner

Invitation

Offertory

Miracle on the Sea

Dreams (From The Tale of the Three Trees)

Agape Choir, Betty Hohwieler, Director

Congregation comes forward to present offering.

Choir returns to pews during Doxology.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Brandon Schnurr

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Unison – The Apostles' Creed* Katy Yates Brungraber

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING, written by our 4th and 5th Graders

Joely Gardner

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, page 16)

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.

SENDING

*HYMN 369 – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

Agape and Cherub Choirs move to Chancel steps.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Rosenau

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Jesus Loves the Little Children/He's Got the Whole World

arr. Vicki Wright

Agape and Cherub Choirs, Betty Hohwieler, Director

*POSTLUDE

March

Dale Wood

*Congregation Standing (Those Who Are Able) ***Ushers Will Seat Worshipers

+Signifies unable to be present this morning.

MANY THANKS to Betty Hohwieler (Children's Choir Director), Carol Houghton (Children's Chimes Director), and Marilyn Shenenberger (Director of Music Ministry), for their support of the children of the church. And many thanks to our wonderful teachers who give so much of their time planning and praying behind the scenes so that everything's ready when the children arrive on Sunday morning. Katy Yates Brungraber, Director of Christian Education