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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We are witnesses,

Many: to the love God has poured into us.

One: We are witnesses of God’s love,

Many: sharing it with each person we meet – all of us children in God’s family.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Children of God

In this world, we identify ourselves by many different labels: we start off as so-and-so's child or so-and-so's sibling; then we become student and friend; eventually we might become spouse, parent, grandparent, and the list goes on. And this doesn't even include the career titles: farmer, welder, teacher, artist, etc. In our text this week, from 1 John, we learn of another title we wear -- one that should be above all other titles on our list: child of God. How does it change our perspective when we place "child of God" as the primary identifying factor we have? How does the world look at us if we make "child of God" our primary identifying factor? Join us as we explore these questions, and as we are fed by beautiful music, celebrate the Lord's Supper and fellowship with one another. We'll see you Sunday!

I am a
CHILD
of God.

I know it. I live it. I love it.

Scripture Readings

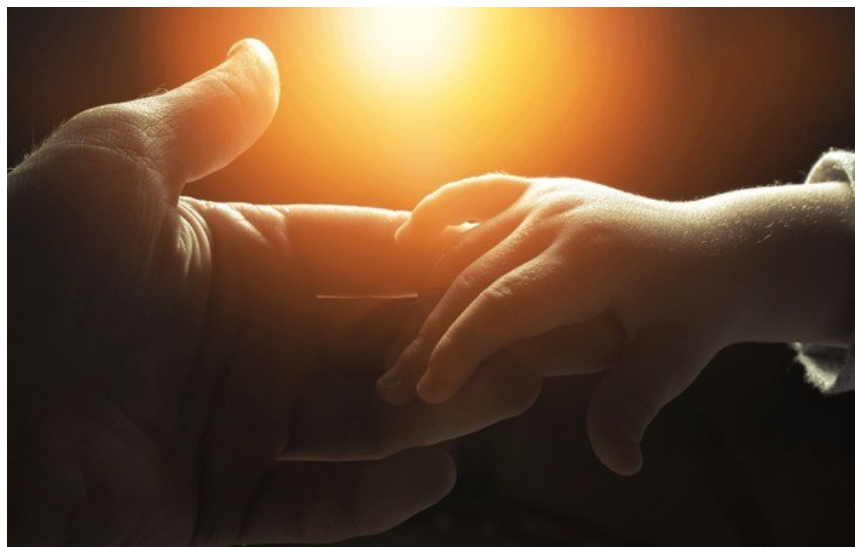
Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

Day of Arising

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and
dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of
heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is
Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when
the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us
your vision, set all hearts burning that all
creation with you may rise.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Please keep Ron & Sharon Hile and their family in your prayers. Sharon is now in Hospice.

Friends:

- Bob Johnson, a longtime family friend of the Vocasek family. Bob is battling terminal cancer .
- Tammy Foral, healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.
- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart.

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX

In the Nebraska Region: Elwood Christian Church
- Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Mission Partners in Puerto Rico

"May the power of the Gospel guide us as your church to reveal your presence so our sisters and brothers can feel and experience you through love, justice, service, and formation as you said, "It is I." As disciples, people of the table, may we preach the fulfillment of the promise and ignite our action towards discipleship for the new generations, help us build a community for the elderly, motivate our hearts to serve within our schools, and continue our disaster relief efforts to restore our island since hurricane Maria."

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