



# Clemmons Presbyterian Church

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 18, 2020

## Children's Sabbath Sunday

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship with us online today.

As the candles are lighted, and the chimes begin, let us focus our hearts on the worship of the most Holy God.

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PRELUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
Rachel Moss, Organist

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### We Gather Around The Word,

WELCOME

Jodi Lingan

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Michele Clarkson

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We have gathered in this space

**People: Welcomed like a prodigal child back into our warm, safe home.**

Leader: We have gathered in this space

**People: Embraced like children greeted by Jesus when others turned us away.**

Leader: We have gathered in this space.

**People: Let us worship God as beloved children, heirs to God's beloved kingdom of peace.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

As beloved children of a loving God, we are not without our shortcomings and sinfulness. We are not perfect, but we are loved by God with a perfect love. It is with faith in God's redeeming love and the confidence that we all fall short of God's call to be love in this world that we pray together the prayer of confession.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**You created a world of plenty,**

**Yet there are children starving for food, thirsting for clean water.**

**You created a world of peace,**

**Yet there are children in the path of war, innocent lives lost to the violence of weapons and hatred.**

**You created a world with time for rest,**

**Yet there are children in homes and communities so wrought with uncertainty and fear that no rest comes and sleep carries with it memories of fear.**

**You created a world touched by your compassionate hand,**

**Yet there are children who never hear kindness and never experience unconditional love in ways they can understand.**

**It is our sin, through what we have done and what we have left undone, what we have said and what we have kept silent, that has**

caused your world to feel less compassionate, less restful, less peaceful and less bountiful.

**Forgive us. Place us back into the work of reconciling ourselves to our neighbors and this world so that we may again return to your loving creation.**

TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Please share the Peace of our Lord by greeting those worshipping near you or through a chat message online.*

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Tender God, by your Spirit help us calm and quiet our souls like a child with its mother so that we may hear your Word to us this day and respond in faith. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Psalm 96:1-13      (The Children's Bible)  
Sarah Zacharias

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      1 Thess 1:1-10

Leader: This is Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Wendy Duncan

SERMON

*Hide and Seek*

Rev. Jodi Lingan

Respond to the Word,

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)**

Andy Spencer

**We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other,**

**This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace.**

**This is Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true.**

**This is the Holy Spirit.**

**We can be the Church which reminds people of God because we love each other.**

**This we believe. Amen.**

*(Source: "For All Who Minister," A Worship Manual for the Church of the Brethren, p. 98. Written by children and used in worship during the World Council of Churches' Seventh Assembly, Canberra, Australia, 1991. Used by permission.)*

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS and THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
ANTHEM Children's Choir  
INTERCESSORY PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)  
CLOSING "We Are Clemmons Presbyterian Church" Kasey Williford &  
Jeffrey Lyons

and to be Sent with the Word.

BENEDICTION

THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* Smart

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## Description of Children's Sabbath

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbath weekend unites faith communities of every religious tradition across the nation to:

- Raise awareness of problems facing children and families in our nation (such as poverty, gun violence, and lack of health care)
- Explore the texts and teachings in religious traditions that call us to nurture and protect children with love and justice
- Engage people of faith in immediate and long-term action to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children

By participating in this multi-faith, nationwide celebration, people of faith gain the inspiration of participating in a larger movement for children and help amplify the voice of our faith communities calling for justice."

From the Children's Defense Fund website

(<https://www.childrensdefense.org/programs/faith-based/childrens-sabbath-celebration/>)

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*If you are worshipping with us today, please send us an email and connect  
with us so we can be the church together.*

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