

Wee Worship ■ Season of Rejoicing

A service for preschool children and their families



GATHERING SONG *See box at right*

OPENING PRAYER *Adapted from The Shema*

Presider Let us love God with our hearts
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**
Presider Let us love God with our minds
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**
Presider Let us love God with our strength
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

SONG *See reverse*

THE LESSON OF THE DAY, FOLLOWED BY A STORY

Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too.

All sing alleluia, after which the lesson is read. All repeat the alleluia, and then a story relating to the lesson is told.

A CREED

**We believe in God the creator; we believe in Christ the Son;
we believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is Three in One.**

THE PRAYERS

We pray for the church, the world, and those people who need our prayers.

*After each bidding, the People sing: **Loving God, hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE *All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

THE OFFERTORY

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (or use the QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

SONG *See reverse.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too.*

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them unto God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues. When indicated, all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues. At the words "And so we sing our story of faith" all sing:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again, again.

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The Presider continues. When indicated, all sing the Lord's Prayer.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept and the bread is broken.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar station.

Respond to communion by saying "Amen."

POST-COMMUNION SONG: THANK YOU, GOD

SENDING SONG *See box at right*

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere you may go.

SOME OF THE SONGS WE LIKE TO SING

1. I AM HOLY

1. I am holy (x2) I am precious (x2)
Because God made me this way (x2)
2. You are holy (x2) You are precious (x2)
Because God made you this way (x2)
3. We are holy (x2) We are precious (x2)
Because God made us this way (x2)

2. I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus. (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me . . .
Sing alleluia, alleluia . . .

3. YOU'VE GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

1. You've got the whole world in your hands.
2. You've got the sun and the moon . . .
3. You've got the itty bitty babies . . .
4. You've got the flowers and the trees . . .
5. You've got the oceans and the streams . . .

4. SEEK YE FIRST

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

REFRAIN

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia! (Refrain)

5. MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! (*Clap, clap*)
Make a joyful noise to the Lord! (*Clap, clap*)
Make a joyful noise, all you children of God!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord! (*Clap, clap*)

6. THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made,
that the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made.

Words: Psalm 118:24

7. DANCE FOR JESUS

I'm gonna dance, dance, dance for Jesus,
dance, dance, dance for Jesus,
dance, dance, dance for Jesus and give thanks to God.
I'm gonna clap, clap, clap for Jesus . . .
I'm gonna pray, pray, pray to Jesus . . .

8. ALLELUIA! PRAISE YE THE LORD!

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! (x2)
Praise ye the Lord (Alleluia)! (x2)
Praise ye the Lord (Alleluia)! Praise ye the Lord!

9. THANK YOU, GOD

1. Thank you, God, for this fine day. (x2)
Thank you, God, for this fine day right where we are.
2. Thank you, God, for songs to sing . . .
3. Thank you, God, for loving us . . .