

10:00 a.m.

Family Service

August 9, 2026

Welcome, Greeting, and Reconnecting!

Expressing Our Expectation of Joy

Leader: Who are you?

People: **I am a child of God.**

Leader: Who are we?

People: **We are children of God, the family of faith.**

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

People: **We belong to God who loves us and calls us God’s own.**

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. (You may be seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God’s Forgiveness (responsive)

Leader: In prayer together, let us ask for God’s forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers.
Lord, I’m sorry.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it’s wrong. Lord, I’m sorry.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I’m sorry.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I’m sorry.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us. Amen.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God’s Forgiveness

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Message

You’re Important To God

Neila Cary

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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 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.

Blessing and Sung Response

This Little Light of Mine