

**Growing from Youth to Maturity:
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender
Journey into Acceptance and Love**



Childhood

Monday, November 17
Morning Prayers, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel

Celebrating the endless possibilities that life offers through the eyes of innocence and ignorance

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymn "If I were a butterfly."

Preparation for Scripture

Scripture Reading


Proverbs 8:22-31 (*once in Hebrew, followed by an English reading*)

Lectio Divina on scripture

(please move to the exploration table when ready to express creatively)

Benediction

Worship Participants: Sheresa Simpson, Megan Huesgen, Julia O'Brien



Prayer for the day

Lord, let your light of mercy and love shine on all children. May their days be free of judgment, stereotypes, and unkind words. Impart on us the innocence we have abandoned, and the wonder we have been lacking. Lastly, keep us ever mindful that each of us is a child longing to be loved.

Amen.

Youth

Tuesday, November 18 Worship Service, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel

Exploring the discoveries of life envisioned through the experiences, challenges and triumphs on the journey toward self-realization.

Prelude "On Eagle's Wings"

Call to Worship

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Our God is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: Our God does not grow faint or weary and has understanding that is unknowable.

Leader: Our God gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless.

People: Even the young will faint and grow weary, falling exhausted by the way.

Leader: But there is a promise to those who will wait on God.

People: Our strength shall be renewed. We shall mount with the wings of eagles. We shall run and not be weary. We shall walk and not faint. Teach us, dear God, how to wait!

*Hymn "God Made From One Blood"

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Call to Confession

Come away from your pretensions to examine your relationship with God. Break away from your illusions of independence to realize your responsibility in the church. Claim your unity in Christ with all God's children. Then realize how much you need to confess brokenness and seek healing.

Prayer of Confession [Unison]

Holy God, we say that we wish to find our way to walk with you, to fly with you, to have our strength renewed in you so that we may do your will. Yet often we find ways to block the paths of others who also wish to fly, in our words, our actions, and our ministries. O God, teach us to wait, to pause when we feel tempted to push others down while we spread our own wings.

Adult

Wednesday, November 19 Service of Word and Sacrament, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel

Recognizing the joy of independence and the awe of responsibility, while stepping forward into the complexity of finding a purposeful existence.

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Prelude in Dance

Call to Worship

*Hymn

“God Made From One Blood”

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Call to Confession

We gather as a community and we look as though we are one. Yet we know that we are divided within ourselves and amongst each other. Let us come before God with our prayers of Confession...knowing that with God we can find hope and healing.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God we have come before you today to worship you. You have created us in your image and yet we forget to see you in the eyes of our neighbors. We struggle in each stage of our lives and as a result we forget that we are not alone. We can become isolated and withdrawn. We can hurt each other by breaking down the community of Christ. Help us to be the people you have created us to be. Heal within us and around us the community of God.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God hears our prayers and knows when our hearts and minds are sincere. Through Jesus Christ the walls that divide our inner and outer life are reconciled. Let us share the gift of this love and assurance with each other by passing the peace of Christ.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Readings:

Ps. 71:1-6

I John 1:7-18

Anthem (#351)

I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry

LTS Choir

Sermon

“The Work of the Adult: Discerning Vocation,
Building Relationships, Defining Spiritual Journey”

Riess Potterveld

Pastoral Prayer

Riess Potterveld

Call to Communion

Leo Hartshorn and Drummers

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Remembrance & Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“This Is The Day Of New Beginnings”

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Worship Leaders: Aimee Brackbill, Susan Minasian, Gillian Soholt, Patti Thomas, Diane Johnson,
Carol Fields, Elaine Bortman, Jennifer Glass, Peter Frye, Riess Potterveld

Piano and Song: David Glasgow

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Fran Merkel; Diane Trieb; Pat Leader; Patti Thomas; Sue McCoy; Coryn Beck;
Barbara Mosch; Laura Bair; Ken Frey; Matt Deal; Glenn Rice; Jerry Egger; Paul Eyer

Drummers: Leo Hartshorn, Carolene Brubaker Highfield, Patty Bashar, Laura Carey, Obed Jegede,
Grace Lyn Reith, Barbara Warren, Gabriele Parks



Prayer for the day

Gracious God, You walk among us throughout our lives.
Hold us fast in your wide embrace today. Help us to remain mindful of the many ways in
which we elude each other and ourselves in our daily attempts to show the world that we are
independent, responsible, and worthy of acceptance.
Remind us that we are eternally Your children, forever steeped in Your perfect love.
Save us from insisting on sameness and relying on exclusive societal structures.
Forgive us for allowing injustice to continue.
Keep us always mindful of the exquisite uniqueness that You have created in your children
everywhere.

Amen

Maturity

Friday, November 21 - "Maturity" Morning Prayers, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel

Reflecting on the accomplishments and disappointments realized along life's path, while facing a future of uncertainty and hope.

Call to Worship

We Bid You Welcome

We bid you welcome, who come with weary spirit seeking rest.

**Who come with troubles that are too much with you,
Who come hurt and afraid.**

We bid you welcome, who come with hope in your heart.

**Who come with anticipation in your step,
Who come proud and joyous.**

We bid you welcome, who are seekers of a new faith.

**Who come to probe and explore.
Who come to learn.**

We bid you welcome, who enter this hall as a homecoming.

**Who have found here room for your spirit.
Who find in this people a family.**

Whoever you are, whatever you are,

Wherever you are on your journey,

We bid you welcome.

Scripture 2 Cor. 13:11-13
Read in Greek by Joanne Marchetto
Read in English by Gabby Parks

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Hymn "Amazing Grace" #547 NCH

A Time of Healing and Anointing


Prayer of Forgiveness and Grace

Blessing of the Oil

Prayer and Anointing

(At this time, you may come forward for prayers, laying on of hands and anointing, either for yourself or on behalf of a loved one.)

Closing Prayer



A Prayer for the World
By Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.


Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness,
so that we can share the joys
and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun be so strong
that we will see all people as our neighbors.

Let the Earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upwards to heaven.

Amen.



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