

Sunday after Pentecost  
August 21, 2022  
JAM (Jesus and Me) Vacation Bible School Sunday  
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**PREWORSHIP MUSIC**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

Pastor: God makes the sun rise and set.  
**All: *God created all things and said, "It is good."***  
Liturgist: God makes summer and winter come and go.  
**All: *God created all things and said, "It is good."***  
Pastor: God helps plants grow and flowers bloom.  
**All: *God created all things and said, "It is good."***  
Liturgist: God gives us food to eat, places to live, and people to love us.  
**All: *God created all things and said, "It is good."***  
Pastor: God is always with us.  
**All: *God created all things and said, "It is good."***  
Liturgist: God's promises to are true and can be trusted.  
**All: *God created all things and said, "It is good."  
Let us worship God who created US "good."  
Let us worship Jesus who loves us and ALL people.  
Let us rejoice in the power of the Spirit, who encourages us.  
Hallelujah! Amen!***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: *Dear God, we come together this morning, to thank you for loving us and to praise you. Your Son, Jesus, gives us strength and peace. While we may be sinners, we are washed clean through your mercy. Hear now, our silent prayers of confession and give us your grace.***

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**All: *Thank you, Jesus, for hearing our prayers. Thank you for loving and forgiving us. Thank you for turning us back to obey and follow you better. Renew the love within our hearts for you and for other people. As your disciples, help us to live and serve you all the days of our lives. Make us happy to be your servants, as we invite other to love and follow you too. Amen.***

**HYMN**

***Jesus Loves Me*** **JAM Children of God**  
(Please sing along)  
Jesus loves me! This I know.  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

<sup>1</sup> The Worship Sourcebook. 2nd edition, pg. 397. (Adapted)

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.  
The Bible tells me so.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Psalm 139:14**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*God Made Me*

**JAM Children of God**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 14, 19; Mark 6, 10; Luke 9, 18; John 6**

*(From "The Little Children's Bible Storybook, page 397-403)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*One Basket*

**JAM Children of God**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

**MESSAGE**

*Sharing God's Love*

**Reflections by JAM Children of God**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: Let us gather our hearts

*All: Our hearts are at home in God.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks for God's unfailing love.

*All: God's love endures forever.*

Pastor: Let every heart be lifted up.

*All: Our hearts are lifted in praise and filled with thanksgiving.*

Pastor: God of all creation, in the beginning you created all things in love and declared it "good." You created people in your image that we might live in love, too. We see your glory in the delicate bearded petals of an Iris, in thunderous lightning storms, in the majestic Pocono Mountains, and in glittering ripples that dance across the Susquehanna River. All of life is sustained by your Spirit, who you sent among us on the day of Pentecost. We rejoice in your mighty works and so, it is right and good to thank you - in all times and in all places - with a joyful and grateful heart. And so, we join our voices with angels and saints, across the span of time and distance in the great cloud of witnesses that is your living Church. In a unified voice we praise you:

*All: 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!*

Pastor: All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering, and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known to us and present within us in your son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all creation to life,

and life everlasting. By him and with him and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we with it.

Pastor: Jesus gathered his disciples around a table, thanked God, broke bread, poured wine, and said, “My body broken for you. My blood poured out for the forgiveness of your sins and the sins of many. Remember me.” Seated at the table was one who would betray him. Jesus gathered with his disciples in the home of Mary and Martha. They studied, prayed, ate bread, drank wine and remembered God’s goodness. Jesus gathered his disciples on a mountainside. He instructed his disciples to feed the hungry crowd, with the lunch of a little boy – two mere fish and five loaves of barley bread. He blessed the “little” which resulted in a miracle that fed thousands. After his death and resurrection, Jesus gathered with his disciples on a beach and fed them fish around a fire. They remembered. He walked and talked with strangers on a road. He accepted their invitation to dinner. He broke bread and thanked God. They remembered and these new disciples shared the good news of Jesus with others. And so, we gather, to eat and drink, and to remember God’s goodness and blessing, through Jesus, his Son. We share in this sacred meal and remember that Jesus offered himself to us, that we may follow him, even beyond death, into your eternal life and love.

Pastor: Gather us now, O God, that we may be sustained in our journey of faith. May this holy meal nourish and strengthen us and fill us with courage and joy, so we can go into the world and make new disciples for you. Bless these gifts by your Spirit, that they may fill us to overflowing with your life and goodness. Amen.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All: We are Jesus’ disciples.*

*Let us eat.*

*Let us drink.*

*Let us remember what he taught us.*

*Let us remember what he commands of us.*

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*All: Eternal God, you call us your children. You love us. You sent your Son, Jesus. He came into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us. In this holy meal, you fed us spiritual food, which reminds us of the depth of your love and the extent to which you will go to save us. Nourished and strengthened, send us into the world in peace. Grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness. We pray through Jesus, who taught us to also pray, saying:*

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

*All: 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.*

### OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Every person deserves the opportunity to hear the Good News of God’s amazing love, through Jesus. As the children preached this morning, all the disciples of Jesus bear the responsibility of sharing the Gospel. In Mark 16:15, Jesus said to his followers, “Go everywhere in the world. Tell the Good News to everyone.” This command is for every disciple of Jesus. We share the message of Jesus’ love and invite others to follow Jesus - not only with our words - but also through our actions - through the sharing of our time, energy, and money. Let us offer our gifts and ourselves,

using the Offertory Prayer printed in our worship bulletin.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*All people: Dear God, take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, and more than we could accomplish on our own. Bless and multiply our gifts, like you did with the fish and loaves of bread, so that through us, your kingdom might come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Go and Make Disciples*

**JAM Children of God**

### **BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

Pastor: Beloved Children of God,  
go into the world and make disciples for Jesus!  
May your heart be filled with hope,  
your mind touched by a peace that passes all understanding,  
your lips eager to share words of life,  
and your spirit enthusiastic to transform the world with acts of love.

*All people: We will not be afraid, but trust in God's goodness.  
We will be generous, as God has been generous to us.  
We go, to love and serve, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

### **POSTLUDE**