

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Back to School Sunday

August 30, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*"All children start their school careers with sparkling imaginations,
fertile minds, and a willingness to take risks with what they think."*

Ken Robinson

PRELUDE

A Diversion

Gilbert Martin

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,
let's praise God together!

For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes, and providing what
we need: **let's praise God together!**

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Based on Psalm 65 – by Christine Longhurst
re:Worship.blogspot.com

HYMN

Tell me the Stories of Jesus

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love light of Jesus' face.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God,
you are the hope of all the oppressed,
and the source of freedom for those held captive.
Make us strong to witness to your liberating power,
in generosity of life and in humility of spirit,
that all the world may delight in your goodness. Amen**

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

ANTHEM

Lean On Me
The Rock Voices Virtual Choir

Bill Withers
adapt. Tony Lechner

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Wendy Wigglesworth

SERMON

Pandemic Voices

Erica Avena

PANDEMIC VOICES

Teachers

Kelly Munroe

A TIME OF 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.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

The Fifers

Francois D'Andrieu

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

***Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Christopher Tambling