

**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

October 17, 2021

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October 17, 2021 11 a.m.
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath and Nonagenarian Sunday

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour
Introit
Welcome

A Dream of Paradise

Max Oesten

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit

✠ Call to Worship

Arise and awaken, children of God!

For our light has come, and the glory of the Holy One shines out!

Lift up your eyes! Look around you!

The people gather together – the people of all nations come together to worship God.

You shall see and shall shine with God's light.

Let us rejoice and praise God, whose love shines forth into the world. Amen.

✠ Gathering Hymn #399

God Welcomes All
NCDC Sings!

THEMBA AMEN

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy,

You create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown.

Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction.

Silence for personal confession

Forgive us, God,

and move us to see the world through the lens of your great love.

Forgive us, God, and grant us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

(You are invited to wave signs of peace.)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✦ Jesus Loves Me!

**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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Samuel Gibbs Masotta

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

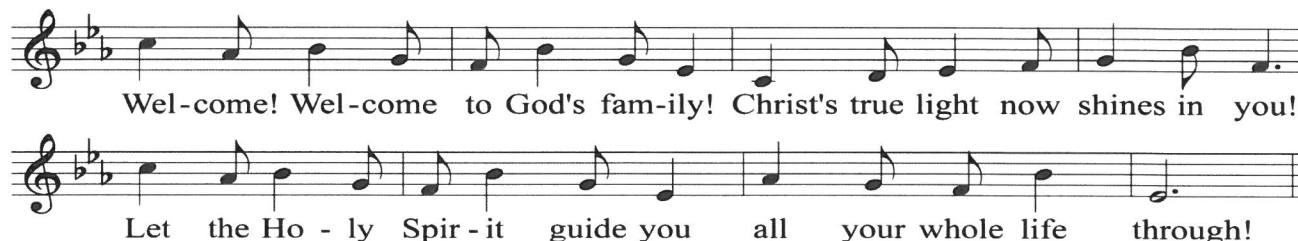
Question to the Congregation

Baptism

Prayer

✦ Welcome & Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.



HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:22-29

(O.T. p.848)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reclaimed: Dreams

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, Mia Cortez, Grace Nicholson, Ches Hudel

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

The Prayers of the People and 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.**

Call To Give

(To give via text, send a text message to [1-844-958-4345](https://www.giveandgo.org) with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

Offertory

The Love God Has for Us

Randolph Currie

✠ Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠ Sending Hymn #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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✠ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Herr Christ der Einge Gottes-Sohn

J.S. Bach

Andrew and Katie Masotta, new members of Northridge, present their son, Samuel Gibbs Masotta, for baptism. The Elder assisting today is Rob Raymond.

The flowers are given by Jill Vigil and MerriLee Anderson in celebration of their marriage, with gratitude and love for the Northridge community.

Leading worship today:

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, Pastor

Bryan Page, Music Director

Julia Boudreaux, Organist

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

Ches Hudel, Nonagenarian

The children of Northridge and our Child Development Center are helping lead worship on this Children's Sabbath.

✦ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One

ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

(A7) C7 (G7) B \flat 7 (D) F

like pre-cious oil, like fresh morn-ing dew. We

(D) F (G) B \flat (F \sharp) A (Bm) Dm

gath-er here to-geth-er with our hearts and voic-es raised to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F

God, who's the cen-ter of our u-ni-ty and praise!

God Welcomes All

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God wel-comes all, strang-ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev-er ends.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

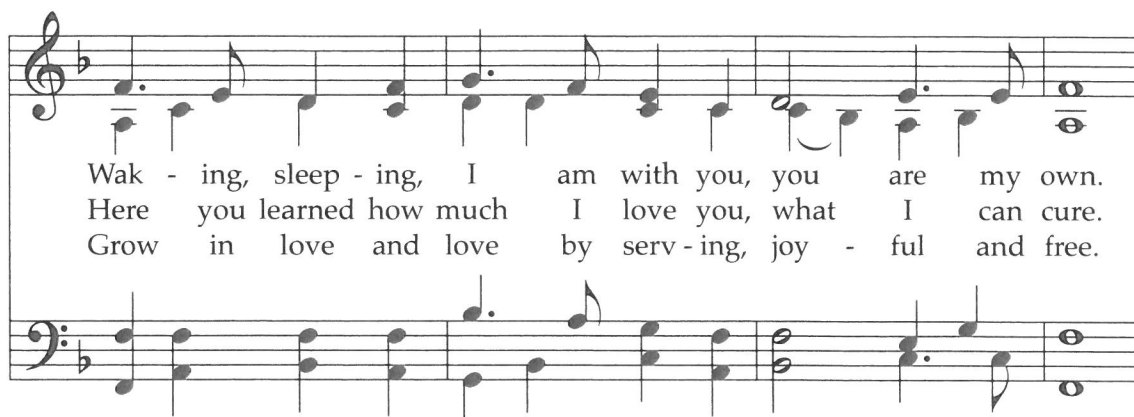
Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

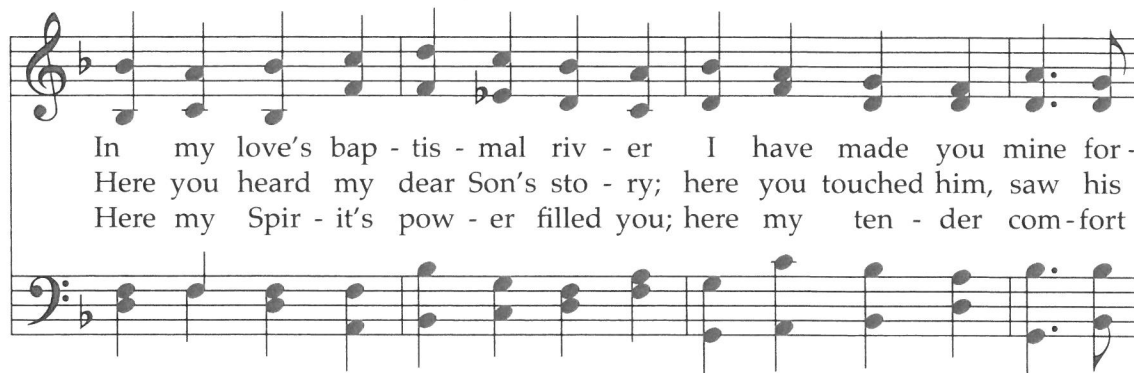
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



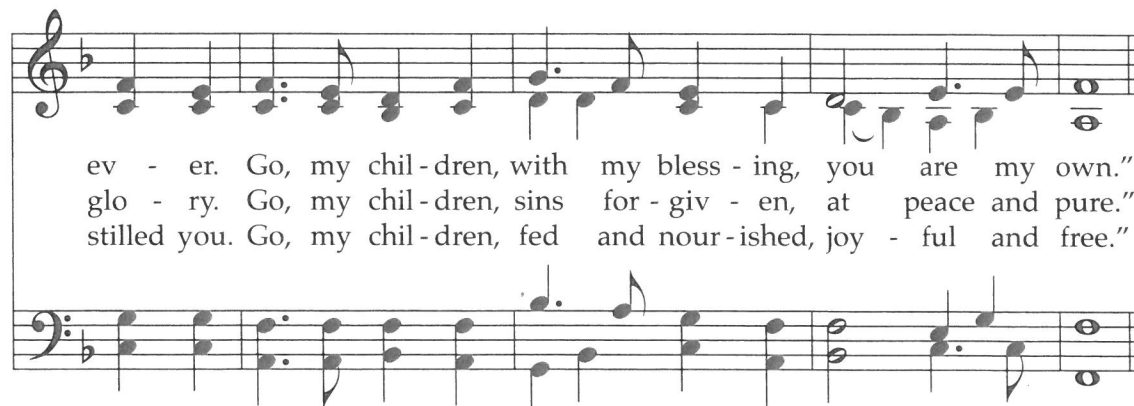
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.