Celebrate Summer Days - Step Three: Play July 27, 2025



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We Gather

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

"Children's Medley" Arr. Mark Hayes Scott Hines, Plano

Centering Words

Leader: Let the little children come -

People: For the kingdom belongs to those who play and trust. Leader: Jesus calls us friends, not servants -People: And invites us to joy, delight, and abiding love. Leader: Come as you are, curious and open-hearted.

People: We gather to laugh, to learn, to play in God's presence.

Song

"Jesus Loves Me"

Opening Prayer

God of grace, of old jokes and new life, of good news of great joy for all people – help us this summer to enjoy you and your world with abandon. Give us mentors, neighbors who show us how to play, how to be your children and enter your delight. You are the vine, we are the branches. Help us to bear fruit, in playful love and joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We Proclaim

The Message to Young Disciples

The First Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to Jesus so that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

The Second Gospel Lesson

John 15:5-15

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit... As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my

commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you... I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends...

> Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song "You Are the Vine"

Message "Summer Days: Step Three - Play" Pastor Duane Carlisle

Message in music "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Arr. Stephen DeCesare Michael Budd, Trombone

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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We Go Forth

Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

The Benediction

Postlude "Sunshine and Joy Medley" Arr. Mark Hayes Scott Hines, Piano

> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

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THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST



You Are The Vine

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