

*Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
YOUNG CHILD SUNDAY*

March 23, 2014

Eleven-Ten O'clock

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT "Prayer and Alleluia" Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 4:1-8 Samuel Baird

Leader: Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.

All: Give me relief from my distress, be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Leader: How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

**All: Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;
the Lord will hear when I call to him.**

Leader: In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.

All: Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord.

Leader: Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

**All: You have filled my heart with greater joy
than when their grain and new wine abound.**

Leader: I will lie down and sleep in peace.

All: For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 276** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Peter Lesnett

You are perfect. You are awesome, and almighty and powerful. We worship you because you are worth more to us than the world. We are grateful to you for giving us the Light. We are grateful to you for giving us Living Water so that we can be your children and live in your kingdom forever. We praise you for your amazing love for us. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Kids of the Kingdom and Preschool

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Dr. Dirk Lesnett

CALL TO CONFESSION Romans 8:9-10 Madison Toomey

"If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Laura Heere

Lord, we confess that we don't always do things that are right or pleasing to you. Some days we spend too much time on our tablets, video games, face time, and texting. We don't always get along with our brothers and sisters. We have disobeyed our parents. We can be lazy and watch too much TV. And sometimes we don't spend our money wisely. We confess that we need your forgiveness and guidance so we can balance our lives. Make us more aware of our actions and help us to be more respectful to you and nicer to others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:38-39 Rachel Dolan

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM OF THANKSGIVING "What Wondrous Love is This" Chancel Choir

THANK YOU TO TEACHERS Eliza Meyer

Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us, for having patience with us and for inspiring us to be like Jesus. We appreciate the time you spend with us and will keep you in our hearts forever. Thank you!

POEM READING Anna Meyer

OFFERING PRAYER Riley Nist

Dear God, we thank you for giving us everything we need in this world. Thank you for our families, shelter, food, nature, animals, books, technology, and sports. We know that all these things come from you and all these things belong to you. Please accept our tithes and offerings this morning as we share our money to support our church, our missionaries, and to help all those in need. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Ode to Joy"
Rachel Dolan, piano

"Open the Eyes of my Heart"
Noah Heere, piano

"Blessed Be the Name"
Laura Heere, piano

"Firefly"
Ivy Wegner, piano

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(we use “debts” and “debtors”)

DRAMA

“The Woman at the Well”

Samantha Arrigo	Laura Heere	Riley Nist
Maleah Arrigo	Peter Lesnett	Maggie Rea
Samuel Baird	Virginia Lesnett	Tricia Stormer
Camden Callahan	Anna Meyer	Garrett Toomey
Nathan Connelly	Eliza Meyer	Madison Toomey
Rachel Dolan	Rachel Nist	Tricia Stormer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:25-26

Virginia Lesnett

“The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah called Christ is coming. When he comes he will explain everything to us.’ Then Jesus declared, ‘I who speaks to you am he.’”

SERMON

“Close Encounters”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

***HYMN OF PROMISE** “Jesus Loves Me”

1. 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.
2. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (Refrain)
3. Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven’s gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK’S GREETERS ARE:

Peter Lesnett
 Zachary Mubel
 Matthew DeMatteo
 Bella Mubel
 Josh Gaydos
 Samantha Arrigo
 Maleah Arrigo
 Mason Muszynski
 Evan Muszynski
 Ryan Callahan

THIS WEEK’S USHERS ARE:

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 Ryan Callahan
 Josh Gaydos
 Peter Lesnett
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 Maleah Arrigo

