

HYMN

TFWS #2233

“Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SPECIAL MUSIC — Rinn Choir

“A Charge I Have To Keep” by Charles Wesley & Lowell Mason

SCRIPTURE: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a — Diana Murray

^{3:13} Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures... ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

MESSAGE

“Jo and Beth”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #431 “Let There Be Peace On Earth” (1x)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Diana Murray

All: God of all wisdom, accept this fruit of our labor, returned to you with thanksgiving, given in love, and dedicated to your purpose. Let these gifts be signs of our delight in your word and our bending to your will. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin [are there any joys or concerns today?]

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 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #592 "When the Church of Jesus"

1. When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door,
lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer,
May our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware
that the world we banish is our Christian care.

2. If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars
High above this hungry, suffering world of ours,
Lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs,
Forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

3. Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time,
Serve to salve our conscience, to our secret shame,
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give;
Teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke
Song Leader— Bonnie
Liturgist — Diana

Accomp.—Anneke
Special Music — N/A
Children's Message— Sharon

Offertory—Anneke
Organ — Betsy
Violin — Rae Ann