

## **Grandview Church All-Ages Worship at Home**

### **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**

*Consider holding your time for worshiping at home at the same time as you usually attend the worship service on Sunday. Remind the children in your home that people from our church community and around the world are worshiping God now, hearing stories of Jesus and praying for each other and the world. It is the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that connects us all, even when we are apart.*

#### Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We are glad to gather here today on the traditional, unceded territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

*(Or Coast Salish peoples, depending on where you live.)*

**All: We are glad to gather in the light of Christ.**

*(light a candle as a sign of Christ's light in your home and in the world)*

*Depending of the ages of the children in your home, you could sing one or both of the following songs:*

#### Song: Behold

**Behold, behold.**

**Behold, behold.**

**Behold the Lamb**

**Who takes away**

**The sin of the world.**

**Have mercy**

**Have mercy**

**Have mercy on us.**

#### Song: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,**

**"Come unto me and rest;**

**lay down, O weary one, lay down**

**your head upon my breast."**

**I came to Jesus as I was,**

**weary and worn and sad;**

I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your days be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
'til trav'ling days are done.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

*(One person can read the passage or you can take turns each reading a verse.)*

Story: Jesus and the Little Children

From Mark 10:13-16

or from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, chapter "The Friend of Little Children," p.256

Wondering Together

*These are wondering questions that don't have right or wrong answers. This is a time to reflect with your heart and imagination (and not quite so much with your rational brain). Just follow your kids' lead; they know what it's about.*

- I wonder what part of this story is your favourite
- I wonder what part of this story you think is the most important, a part you couldn't leave out
- I wonder how the children felt when the disciples tried to send them away from Jesus
- I wonder how the parents felt when the disciples tried to send the children away
- I wonder what it was like when Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them
- I wonder how Jesus takes you in his arms and blesses you

*You may want to allow for some quiet time for people in your home to draw about the story or you may want to move right into "Praying for Others" (below).*



## Praying for Others: Celtic Christian Circle Prayer

Stretch out your arm and point your finger, then turn around so you make a circle with your finger in the air. Use your imagination to see yourself and the person you are praying for in the circle of God's love and protection. Think of one good thing that you want for this person and one bad thing that you want them to be protected from.

As you are imagining this, pray this prayer:

Circle (*name*), Lord.

Keep (*say the good you want revealed*) near  
and (*say the evil you want removed*) afar.

Example:

*Circle my friend, Lord. Keep protection near and danger afar.*

Song: O God of Tender Mercies

**O, God of tender mercies we call**

**O, God of endless glory we call to you**

**May you dawn from on high**

**And bring us the light that will lead our feet to peace (repeat)**

**And for those who sit in the shadow of death**

**May your light shine bright as day.**

**And for we who sit in the shadow of death**

**May your light shine bright as day.**

**O, God of tender mercies we call**

**O, God of endless glory we call to you**

Blessing

*(This can be said all together or one person can say the blessing over those who are gathered.)*

**From dust you came**

**To dust you shall return.**

**Blessed be the name of the LORD**

**For God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.**

*Blow out the Christ candle at the end of your worship time together.*