



*Encourage one another*

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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## **CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 24)*

October 17, 2021



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*"We see things that adults sometimes can't see."*

~ Child participant, United Nations Study on Violence Against Children

**~ GATHERING ~**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*from the A.M.E. Zion Church*)

This is the Lord's day. This is the Lord's house.

**We are the Lord's children. Let the praise begin!**

**PRELUDE**

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J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Children's Defense Fund*)

We gather this morning with listening hearts.

**We gather this morning with listening hearts to hear the hopes of children and to nurture the hope within each of us.**

We gather this morning with listening hearts to hear how we can help in partnership with those who are hurting, as ones who are hoping.

**We gather this morning as God's people to worship, in confidence that God hears our hurts and hopes, and calls us to help with a passion for justice and hearts full of love.**

Come let us worship God on this Children's Sabbath day.

**HYMN**

LET US BUILD A HOUSE

GTG #301

Text and Music by Marty Haugen

TWO OAKS

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**Adults: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.**

**RESPONSE**

GOD WELCOMES ALL

GTG #399

South African song; transcr. John L. Bell

THEMBA AMEN

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we confess that often we fail to hear the voices of those who are young, impoverished, and hurting. We turn away from voices that call us to account, or to commit, or to sit with their pain. O God, when Jesus put a child amid the disciples squabbling about position, he reminded us what is important. (continued on next page)**



