

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

July 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Steve Hollaway

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kyle Wilkinson, intern

(Congregation reads word in bold type.)

We gather as people feeling we have been made older by another week of the world's craziness.

But we find our youth renewed as we center ourselves on God.

We gather, wondering what happened to the faith we once had.

But as we share the story and the song, our faith revives.

We gather with a little child in our midst for us to bless

And we long to be childlike again as we come to you.

Help us to stoop to enter the new life you give us.

Assure our hearts that we belong to you and you to us.

****HYMN** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* #619

****THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using 'sins')

****THE GLORIA PATRI** (#705)

Service of Blessing for Alexis Diana Swanson

SCRIPTURE READING *About Children* Kyle Wilkinson

Matthew 18:1-4 (Pew Bible NT p. 19)

Matthew 19:13-15 (Pew Bible NT p. 21)

Matthew 21:15-16 (Pew Bible NT p. 23)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER by children's songwriter Raffi

Creator of all things, to you we offer inexpressible thanks for this, our greatest blessing and our greatest joy. Keep watch over this little one and provide, in all who love her an example worthy of your love for us. Help us to spread before her a canvas of support and care that one day she may paint upon it a future only she can dream. Help us to be the people we strive to be and help us to see your face in nature, in each other, and in all things.

The Parents' Commitments

Pastor: Do you thankfully receive Lexi as God's gift to you and your family?

Parents: We do.

*** All who are able, please stand*

Pastor: Lexi needs a loving, stable and secure environment in order to mature. Do you covenant to be parents who are committed to each other?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Do you promise to be an example to Lexi of integrity, spiritual growth, and participation in a community of faith?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Do you commit yourselves to be parents of patience who recognize that growing up takes a long time, and parents of play who take delight in Lexi's freedom and laughter?

Parents: We do.

THE BLESSING BY THE PASTOR (text is on insert)

ANOINTING WITH OIL

THE BLESSING BY THE GODFATHER Uncle Spencer

****AN AFFIRMATION** adapted from Martin Buber

Every person born into this world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique. It is the duty of every person to know and consider that she is unique in the world in her particular character, and that there has never been someone like her before. For if there had been someone like her before, there would be no need for her to be in the world. Every single person is a new thing in the world and is called upon to fulfill her particularity in the world.

****OFFERTORY HYMN**

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated #490

OFFERTORY MUSIC Cameron Greenlee

****THE DOXOLOGY** (#706)

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Pastor

SERMON Steve Hollaway

Becoming a Baby Again

****HYMN** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* #577

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

PASTORAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE Cameron Greenlee