**Central Baptist Church**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

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*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ~1 John 4:11-12*

**Welcome/Announcements**

**\*Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*No. 578

**Call to Worship**

One: Let all of God's children come together in the house of the Lord!

***All: We are each sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved by Almighty God.***

One: The people were bringing their babies to have them blessed by Jesus. The disciples

tried to stop them, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do

not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

***All***: ***Remind us, Lord, how valuable our children are. We pray that You bless our***

***children and that we, as parents, teachers, caregivers are a blessing to them.***

One: Jesus also said, "Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child

will never enter it."

**All: *May we live with that unpretentious faith. Let our prayers hold a constant***

***foundation of absolute faith knowing that You always consider our best***

***interests. May we receive the spontaneous trust of the little ones.***

**Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**Lord, You have created us in many varieties, but we are meant to be one in the Spirit, for we are all Your children, young and old alike. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we might live together in peace and harmony, in accordance with Your will. We will sing Your praises all the days of our life for mighty are Your works and wondrous is Your creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri** No. 623

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end Amen, Amen***

 **Anthem** 

*Jazz Alleluia*

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

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***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.***

**Offering & Offertory**

**Friendship Forms**

*Please pass the friendship pad in your pew for each person to sign*. *If you would like to be contacted by the pastor, please leave a note with an e-mail or phone number.*

\***Doxology** No. 625***Loving God, today we remember the glad hosannas of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Today and every day we want to be people who happily welcome and praise Jesus’ presence with us. Help us to let go of whatever hinders us in learning to be humble like Jesus, to be passionate as Jesus in His love and grace to all people. Help us not to be anxious about anything, but in all things to trust in Your faithfulness, that Your peace will strengthen and sustain us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Song** *Turning Toward the Morning* by Gordon Bok

Sung by Judi and Matt Bolles

**Scripture**

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Mark 9:33-37

Mark 10:13-16

**Sermon Dialogue: Pastor Kurt and Matsiko converses with the congregation! 😊**

**\*Hymn***Jesus Loves Me* No. 579

**Song**  *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

**Benediction (unison)**

**May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~*Romans 15:5–6***

***The Worship is ended…Our Service Now Begins***

\*Please stand if you are able