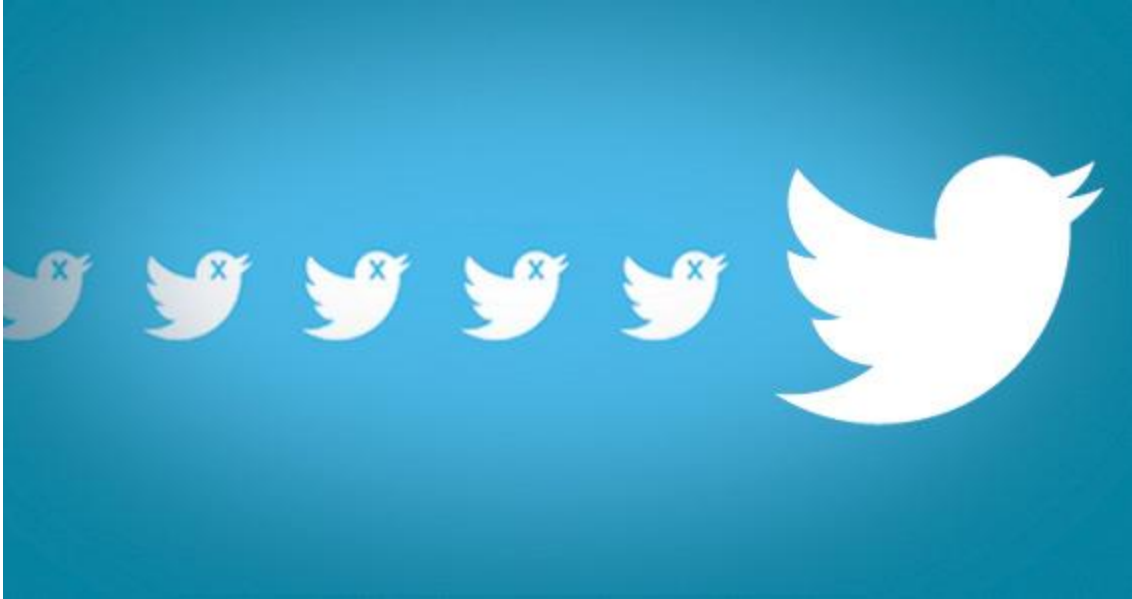


Youth Sunday Worship
Reformed Service (8:50am)
4/19/2015



Ushers:

[Devon Caldwell]

[Tyler Goetsch]

[Dillon VanderWilt]

[Blake Tillotson]

Call to Worship (**Abbie Stucker**)

“Would you join me in this morning’s call to worship?”

L: In all we do we feel your love.

P: Without you we are lost.

L: You are the light to our path and lamp to our feet.

P: The Lord is our light.

L: In you all things are possible.

P: In darkness your light shines on.

A: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please stand and join us in our opening hymn “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.”

Hymn:

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us 387

Opening Prayer: **(Rian Byers)**

“Please remain standing and join me in this morning’s unison prayer.”

Lord, thank you for this opportunity to gather together. Sometimes we take this special fellowship and chance to worship for granted. During the week we seem to lose focus on you and instead walk in the ways of the world. Thank you for the many second chances you give us even though we mess up repeatedly. Teach us to hear your voice and to follow you where you lead us. Let us go from this place renewed in spirit and ready to live for you. Amen.

Children’s Sermon: **(Jake Heitritter & 8th Grade Bells)**

“Adults please be seated, and children go ahead and make your way forward for our children’s sermon this morning”

[8th Grade Bells & read by Jake Heitritter]

Children’s Hymn:

Jesus Loves Me 304

Prayers of the People:

[Cole Brumley] “While we generally take joys and concerns from the congregation, today we will provide times of silence to lift up the people who are known to us who have special need of God’s love. Would you join us in prayer?”

Heavenly Father, come quiet our hearts from life’s distractions. Settle down upon us and draw near to us as we draw near to you. As we draw near help us see the plan you have destined for us and as we travel the paths called life may you shine a light when we’re stuck in the dark. Speak to us when we have shut our family out and let us know that there is hope when we feel hopeless. Bring us to earth when we let success get to our heads and remind us that there is always tomorrow and the your plan for us never ends.

[Jonah Lammers] Lord, we pray for all of our leaders who have done so much for everyone in the world. Please give guidance to those who need you right now. Show them you are there for them during hard times and struggles. Also we thank you for our spiritual leaders, pastors, mentors, both men and women of faith, who lead our congregation and community. Guide each of us with wisdom and courage to always choose the right path.

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(Count to 8 mississippi)

Oh God, the source of all health, fill our hearts with faith and your love that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power, love, and grace to receive your healing in body and in soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Reading: **Brianna Pratt**

Jeremiah 29:11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, 14 I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Anthem: **[Annika Stecker]**

'Tis So Sweet

Scripture Reading:

Jonah 4:1-11

[Travis Goetsch] But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

[Hannah Poolman] 6 The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Sermon: **[Charlie Duncan & Emma Dau]**

Lessons on Following

Affirmation of Faith: **[Emma Loveall]**

We believe in God the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ our Savior.

We believe in the Holy Trinity.

We believe in the holy Bible and the messages inside.

Just as Jonah's prayers were answered in the belly of a whale, we believe that you hear our prayers no matter where we are.

And like, Jonah, we know that you have a plan for each of us.

Amen.

Offering: **[Kolby Richter]**

Having heard the good news of Jesus Christ and been reminded that each of us is called to a plan higher than our own, let us stand, sing in worship, and take an opportunity to give to the one who gave his only Son so that we might know his love. Let us give.

[Sit down until after the Doxology]

Let us pray. Thank you God for these gifts. Teach us to follow you so that our lives would be marked by the same generosity and love as the one we follow. We pray this in Christ's name.

Amen.

Hymn:

Be Thou My Vision 339

Benediction **[Charlie Duncan & Emma Dau]**

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So go from this place and be a blessing to all those who surround you in the name of Christ. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen."

Youth Sunday Worship
Reforming Service (11:15am)
4/19/2015

Ushers:

[Kyley Anderson]

[Josie Byers]

[Andrew Carr]

[Hannah Brumley]

Call to Worship Prayer: **[Abbie Stucker]**

Lord God, in all we do we feel your love and without you we are lost. Your word is a light unto our path and a lamp to our feet. We praise you this morning because In you all things are possible, even in darkness your light shines on. This day we come to worship you, let us rejoice and be glad! Amen.

Worship Songs: (Worship band ask congregation to stand)

Glorious Day

Here I am to Worship

I Will Follow

Opening Prayer: **[Rian Byers]**

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Children's Sermon: **[Andrew Carr & Hannah Brumley]**

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:16-18 (NRSV)

Recently I was watching the movie, "Peter Pan." Have you ever watched this movie? In the movie, the children sing a song and play a game called "Following the Leader." (Sing a bit of it, if you can.)

Following the leader, the leader, the leader
We're following the leader wherever he may go.

Have any of you ever played "Follow the Leader?" Of course you have! I played the game when I was a child, my father played the game when he was a child, his father played the game when he was a child. Follow the Leader is a game that is played and enjoyed by children all over the world.

The rules are very simple. You choose a leader and you follow him wherever he goes and do whatever he does. You stomp through puddles, climb over fences, swing from a tree—all to stay in the game because nobody wants to be "a quitter."

Follow the Leader is a great game, but in our daily lives we play follow the leader too. In school, in Church, in sports, in any activity we are in, there are always leaders. Every day we are faced with making a choice of which leader we will follow. We must be sure to choose a leader that will lead us in the right direction.

One day Jesus was walking along the sea shore. He saw two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, who were throwing their fishing nets out into the sea. Jesus called out to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The Bible tells us that they laid down their nets and followed Jesus. Jesus went a little farther and he saw two more men, James and John sitting in their boat mending their nets. Jesus called out to them and the Bible tells us that they left their boat and followed Jesus. (vs. 19-20)

Jesus is still calling people to follow him today. He has called you and me to follow him. Now it's up to us to decide if we will follow the leader.

Dear Jesus, you have called us to follow you. May we, like Peter, Andrew, James, and John say "Yes, Lord, I'll follow you—wherever you may lead." Amen.

Reading: **[Dillon VanderWilt]**
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Offering: **[Dakota VanderWilt]**

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Offering Song: **[Annika Stecker]**
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Closing Song:

Benediction

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