



## INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, hearing your word, may trust in your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      Isaiah 55:8-13    Page 686

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**                  Matthew 20:1-16    Page 21

**SERMON**    “Why Be Good?”    Dr. Williams

*“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?  
Or are you envious because I am generous?” Matthew 20:15*

**\*HYMN**    No. 716    *Tune: BEACH SPRING*  
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Presentation and Profession of Faith

#### \*The Apostles’ Creed

#### Thanksgiving

Minister:                      The Lord be with you.

People:                        And also with you.

Minister:                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:                        It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### The Baptism

#### Response

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God’s children; joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

#### Welcome

All:                              With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

#### Prayer

## THE PRAYERS

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

The Fruit of the Spirit  
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

Those who abide in me, and I in them,  
The same shall bring forth much fruit, the same shall bring forth much fruit:  
Love, joy, peace, patience, tenderness, goodness, faith, meekness and self control.

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

No. 711

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

**\*HYMN**

No. 719  
Come, Labor On

*Tune:* ORA LABORA

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

**\*POSTLUDE**

Now Praise, My Soul, the Lord

Dieterich Buxtehude

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\*Congregation please stand.