18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2014 ◆ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude

Introit *Can You Count the Stars?* *Robert J. Powell*
Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather to worship God
People: who entered our world as a poor baby,
Leader: We gather in the name of Christ who
People: as a child grew in mind, body, and spirit, and as an adult welcomed and blessed the children.
Leader: We gather, called together by the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate.
All: Come, let us worship God on this Children's Sabbath day!

***Opening Hymn #92** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***Affirmation of Faith #881** *The Apostles' Creed*

***Gloria Patri #70**

***Centering Prayer**

Eternal God, source of love and justice, you have created each of us precious in your sight. Instill in us hearts of compassion to cherish every child and voices of courage to protect every child; through Jesus Christ your Child who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalter Reading *Psalm 72 (selected verses)*

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."
People: "Thanks be to God."

***Hymn of Preparation #273** *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

Sermon *"Precious in God's Sight"* *Rev. Bates*
Matthew 19:13-15(NLT)

Children's Message & Response (insert)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory *By Our Love* *Christy Nockels*
Praise Team

***Doxology #94**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of all creation, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all that we have been given. Use our gifts and our lives with mercy and grace, that through us -- others might see you. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #2184** (2x) *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

Prayer of Commitment (insert)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**For those who are able, please stand*