



The Children's Awakening Lovefeast

*Commemorating the children's
spiritual renewal in Herrnhut
August 17, 1727*

Call to Worship: Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples
praise you.** Psalm 67:5

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "What Brought Us Together" *arr. Burkhardt*

*** Hymn** "What Brought Us Together" *H. 675*

Scripture Lessons: Joshua 24:14-18
1 Thessalonians 5:16-19
Acts 2:42-47

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Hymn "Little Children, Welcome!" *H. 679, vs. 1*
During the singing, children are invited up for the Children's Moment.

*Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!*

Blessing for Back to School

Leader: Holy God, as a new school year starts and your children begin their studies, we ask that you calm their spirits as they face excitement, new environments, fears and challenges. O Lord of Life and Love,

Response: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks and months. Give all teachers the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love,

R: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless, O God, all school principals, superintendents, secretaries and board members, that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. O Lord of Life and Love,

R: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless, O God, all school custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, office personnel, and all whose service is frequently unseen. Grant them joy and satisfaction in their service and fill them with an awareness of the importance of their work as they share in the care and safety of children. O Lord of Life and Love,

R: Hear our prayer.

L: And bless, O God, our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that through their study, they may gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service all their days. O Lord of Life and Love,

R: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Bless all the students, young ones and old ones —
 walking or riding, traveling by bus.
 May they remember that you go with them,
 and that they all are precious to us.

Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,
 bless those who teach and counsel and care.
 May they remember you walk beside them.
 Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response – H. 817

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

* Offertory Prayer

Message: "Marbles and Grapes"

THE LOVEFEAST

H. 396

They walked with God in peace and love
 but failed with one another;
 while sternly for the faith they strove,
 they fell out with each other.
 But he in whom they put their trust,
 who knew their frames, that they were dust,
 with pity healed their weakness.

He found them in his house of prayer
 with one accord assembled,
 and so revealed his presence there;
 they wept for joy and trembled.
 One cup they drank, one bread they broke,
 one baptism shared, one language spoke,
 forgiving and forgiven.

Then forth they went, with tongues of flame
 in one blessed theme delighting;
 the love of Jesus, and his name,
 God's children all uniting.
 That love our theme and watchword still;
 the law of love may we fulfill—
 give love as love we're given.

H. 673

Christian hearts in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest;
 has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.
 Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,
 brethren his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one.

Grant, Lord, that with thy direction, "Love each other," we comply,
 aiming with unfeigned affection thy love to exemplify;
 let our mutual love be glowing; thus the world will plainly see
 that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.

H. 54

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Jesus, your arms are open to children full of life,
 who know a playful child-hood with laughter free of strife,
 a preview of the kingdom perfected by your love,
 surrounded by the presence of peace come from above.

Jesus, your arms are open to children filled with grace,
 who trust you without question, who know your warm embrace.
 We look to their example, their simple faith, so true;
 Jesus, your arms are open for us to live in you.

H. 438

With hearts in tune, with one accord,
 we gather here to praise the Lord.
 A simple meal, a quiet time
 to celebrate a love divine;
 and as the ancient Christians fed,
 we, too, now share this lovefeast bread.

As we partake, we praise the name;
 the host of heaven does proclaim
 that Christ is king, the risen Lord,
 our Church's Head by all adored.
 And so as brothers, sisters all,
 we gladly heed our Savior's call.

GRACE

T. Pilgrimage

Lord Jesus, for our call of grace,
 to praise your name in fellowship
 we humbly meet before your face
 and in your presence love-feast keep. Amen.

PARTAKING OF THE LOVEFEAST

"Jesus, Source of My Salvation"

Lawrence Hartzell

"O Waly Waly"

arr. Evanovich

Ryan Yoder, handbells
 Pamela Schmitzer, flute

COLLECTING

H. 726

Jesus loves me! This I know,
 for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong;
 they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me,
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

H. 670

'Tis a pleasant thing to see
 brothers in the Lord agree,
 sisters of a God of love
 live as they shall live above,
 acting each a Christian part,
 one in word and one in heart.

Where divine affection lives,
 there the Lord his blessing gives;
 there his will on earth is done;
 there his heav'n is half begun.
 Great example from above,
 teach us all like you to live.

PLEASE STAND

H. 527

We in one covenant are joined
 and one in Jesus are;
 with voices and with hearts combined,
 his praise we will declare;
 in doctrine and in practice one,
 we'll love and serve the Lord alone,
 with one accord sound forth his praise,
 till we shall see his face.

* Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro Vivace on Thy Majesty"

arranged

Chimes

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** Please stand if you are able.*

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