JUNE 10, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Duane Graber, worship leader

*HYMN #37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME **Abby Banning** Labi Siffre

(Something inside) so strong

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18: 1-7

REFLECTION Carlos Casas

ANTHEM On Children Barnwell

> Abby Banning, Lizzie Shelly, Maddie Bollinger Jan Good-Bollinger, Rosi Penner Kaufman

Your children are not your children. They are the sons and the daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you, but they are not from you, And though they are with you, They belong not to you. You can give them your love, but not your thoughts; They have their own thoughts.

You can house their bodies, but not their souls, For their souls dwell in a place of tomorrow, Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You can strive to be like them,

But you cannot make them just like you.

Text by Kahlil Gibran

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

#66 SJ (sing stanzas as indicated in hymnal)

If the war goes on

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor <u>before</u> the worship service.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

*HYMN #483

O God, who gives us life

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green Sing the Journey hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

(Something Inside) So Strong

The higher you build your barriers
The taller I become
The farther you take my rights away
The faster I will run
You can deny me
You can decide to turn your face away
No matter, cos there's....

(Refrain) Something inside so strong
I know that I can make it
Tho' you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone
Oh no, something inside so strong
Oh oh oh oh oh something inside so strong

The more you refuse to hear my voice
The louder I will sing
You hide behind walls of Jericho
Your lies will come tumbling
Deny my place in time
You squander wealth that's mine
My light will shine so brightly
It will blind you
Cos there's..... (Refrain)

Brothers and sisters
When they insist we're just not good enough
When we know better
Just look 'em in the eyes and say
I'm gonna do it anyway [x4] (Refrain)

This song by Labi Siffre was written in 1984, inspired by a television documentary on <u>Apartheid South Africa</u> seen by Siffre, in which white soldiers were filmed shooting at black civilians in the street. Siffre also noted that this song was influenced by his experience as a homosexual child, adolescent, and adult.



Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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