

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SIGHTHILL

5th November 2023

Theme: 'Let the children come to me'

VIDEO BEFORE SERVICE

1. OUR CHILDREN LORD IN FAITH AND PRAYER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b1XLdT7fks>

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Let the little children come to me..."
Jesus says. "Do not stop them..."
Jesus states. "To them the kingdom of God
belongs..." Jesus demands.
Today hear Jesus calling out to us:

**All: love me like a little child no matter my age,
 no matter my status,
 no matter my training,
 love me like a little child.**

Leader: So, let us come before God
as little children today, God's children.
Let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN: CH3 100 - JESUS FRIEND OF LITTLE CHILDREN
(TUNE: DERWENT)**

Verse 1

Jesus Friend of little children
Be a friend to me

Take my hand and ever keep me
Close to Thee

Verse 2

Teach me how to grow in goodness
Daily as I grow
Thou hast been a child
And surely Thou dost know

Verse 3

Step by step O lead me onward
Upward into youth
Wiser stronger still becoming
In Thy truth

Verse 4

Never leave me nor forsake me
Ever be my Friend
For I need Thee
From life's dawning to its end

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OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**ADMISSION KATE OWAGBOE TO MEMBERSHIP OF ST NICHOLAS
CHURCH, PARISH CHURCH AND BAPTISM OF HER TWO CHILDREN:
LISA EKHAGUERE OWAGBOE AND LESLEY EKHAGUERE OWAGBOE**

SINGING: THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

BIBLE READINGS: NUMBERS 6:22-27; LUKE 18:15-17

HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit

O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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MESSAGE: 'LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME'

OFFERING/SONG: 'MY LIFE IS AN OFFERING'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujBpTXXDu7o>

PRAYERS FOR OFFERINGS AND INTERCESSION

CLOSING SONG: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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