

November 26, 2017

## **See Through God's Eyes**

Planner: Bob B.

Meditation Thought: "If our children have the background of a Godly, happy home and the unshakeable faith that the Bible is indeed the Word of God, they will have a foundation that the forces of the world cannot shake" Mrs. Billy Graham

Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Rejoicing - "Now in This Moment"

CCS #96

Welcome & Good News

Call to worship – "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might place his hands on them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."  
Luke 18: 15-17

\*Hymn – "O God of Vision" (Verses 1 - 3)

CCS #78

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Organ Response

### **Let Peace Begin with Me**

Peace Moment

Hymn of Peace – "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

CCS #307

### **We Share Our Gifts**

Disciples' Generous Response

Hymn - "For the Life That You Have Given"  
(Sung during the receiving of offerings)

CCS #619

Offertory Prayer

### **We See God Through Children**

Blessing Remarks

A Parents Petition (To be read by Bob Boren up front)

Hymn of Assurance – "Jesus Loves Me"

CCS #251

**Go Forward in Community**

\*Hymn of Benediction - "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

CCS # 650

\*Sending Forth:

We are companions on this journey, with this precious child, with her family, with each other, and with the communities in which we live. May we live out our faith so that we strengthen each other and provide the needed example to this new life among us. Go in God's world remembering that we are interconnected companions on this journey and God is with us if we but call upon Him. Amen.

\*Organ response

\*Recessional

\*Postlude

All are welcome to share and fellowship in the lower auditorium immediately after the service.

A Parent's Petition

We have a daughter to bring up. Help us to perform our task with wisdom, kindness, and good cheer. Help us always to see her clearly, as she is. Let not our pride hide her faults. Let not our fear for her magnify our doubts and fears until we make her doubting and fearful. Quicken our judgment so that we shall know how to train her to think as a child, to be in all things pure and simple as a child.

We have a daughter to bring up. Give us great patience and a long memory. Let us remember the hard places of our own youth, so that we may help when we see her struggling as we struggled then. Let us remember the things that made us glad, lest we, sweating in the toil and strain of life, forget that a child's laughter is the light of life.

We have a daughter to bring up. Help us remember that we do this with the help of friends, family, and loved ones. Let us show my daughter love through the love we show to each other. Let us call on others to gain their insight, strength, and support so that she can be blessed beyond our own limitations.

We have a daughter to bring up. Teach us that love understandeth all things, knows no weakness, tolerates no selfishness. Grant that we may love my daughter wisely and ourselves not at all.

We have a daughter to bring up. Give her the values, and beauty, and just rewards of industry. Give her an understanding brain and hands that are capable that she may work out her own happiness.

We have a daughter to bring up. Help us to send her into the world with a mission of service. Strengthen our minds and hearts that we may teach her that she is her brother's keeper. Grant that she may serve those who are in need not knowing that she needs to give, more than they need to receive that service.

We now have a son and a daughter to bring up. Guide and direct us that we do this service to the glory of God, and to our children's happiness and well being. Amen

(Angelo Patri)