

October 15, 2017
The Banquet Is Ready

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing

Call to Worship

On this Children's Sabbath, the table has been set. The banquet is ready! God prepared a feast for us, a feast of abundant love. Our cups overflow with bountiful grace. This celebration with God will restore our souls and comfort us. Today, let us feast upon the words of Christ; for they will guide and direct our way. —Psalm 23, 2 Nephi 14:4, adapted

*Opening Hymn "God of the Sparrow" CCS 138

*Prayer of Invitation

*Response

Prayer for Peace (see attached)

Focus Moment (story by ?)

Hymn of Assurance ~~"How Loves Me" CCS 251~~ OR "A Mother Lined a Basket" CCS 239

Morning Message

Disciples' Generous Response

Prayer of Confession and Gratitude (see attached)

Receiving of Mission Tithes

*Hymn of Response "All Are Called" CCS 606 OR ~~"O My Soul, Bless Your Creator" CCS 220~~

*Benediction

*Response

Postlude

Prayer for Peace

Loving Parent,

The light of this candle symbolizes today our hopes and dreams for our children. We ask you, God, to help us be peacemakers, so they may be able to live in a world where the lion and lamb can be led by them without violence or conflict. May you be the light for their steps. We ask now for these words to become something more—a dream of peace for our children. Help us move from words to being, from being to doing, so that your vision of shalom can become a reality in their lifetimes. This is our prayer for peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Gratitude

O Giver of Life, too often we complain of not having enough. We fail to trust your care for us. When you call us to your banquet, we turn aside and make excuses, rejecting your invitation. Or we come to the banquet unprepared to feast with you. Shape us to respond to your invitation. Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits to be present and focus our attention on the joyful banquet you have prepared. We are grateful for your generosity and, through this offering, we demonstrate one way we answer your call. Thank you for inviting us to the banquet. In Jesus' name, Amen.