

God's Story Our Story

August 2, 2015

Faith 5 – A pattern for shaping a life of faith



Share:

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Read: Reflect on the reading from Sunday: *Luke 13:10-17*

Talk:

- What day each week is your Sabbath day? What makes it a Sabbath?
- What are routines you stick to no matter what? Holidays or family practices, daily routines? Why do they matter?
- What communities do you consider yourself part of? What makes them your community? What are the rules? Do they keep people in or out?

Pray:

God of rest, you created us to work and to play and to rest. Help us to delight in each day of work and play. Help us to value the life that is found when we simply play and give thanks to you for all of it. Amen.

Bless:

May God walk with you in your work and your play. Amen.

"Pray Ground Experiment"

We gathered together a group of families with small children and talked about what it is like to come to worship at River of Hope with wiggly ones. For the month of August, we decided to experiment with an in-worship nursery area for small ones so that parents can keep a watchful eye and still be present in worship.

Because River of Hope actively involves children of all ages in worship leadership, this seems to fit with our M.O. Kids soak in all kinds of things as they are with the worshipping body. Prayers and song, sitting and standing, bread and wine are all embodied activities that these young ones embody with us in their own way.

Parents are invited and encouraged to use the "Crying and Gnashing of Teeth Outer Darkness" area for when things aren't going well. (Back in the Senior Center with the comfortable couches so at least one of you is comfortable.)

1. The Pray Ground is for kids not yet in kindergarten and younger.
2. Parents, please keep an eye on your little one and intervene if things get too rowdy.
3. Worshipers, please continue to show your empathy and solidarity with parents who are practicing this critical part of faith with their children.

Give your feedback throughout the month of August. Is it too disruptive? What do you like about it? What are your ideas?