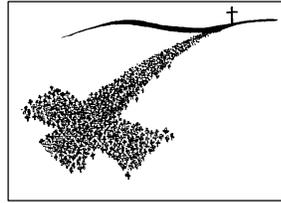


God's Story Our Story



August 30, 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 key verses from Sunday's reading.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

(Hebrews 1:3)

Talk:

- Where do you see the image of God in your life?
- How would you describe God or Jesus to somebody who was unfamiliar with your life or beliefs?
- This week, pray to a reflection of God in an unlikely place.

Pray:

Faithful God, you sent Jesus to constantly surprise, shock, and delight us as he broke all the rules of polite society to show your love. Help to make us so bold not in our name but yours. Amen.

Bless:

May God walk with you into new places where God already is. 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 worshiping 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?