

**ANEW CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
YOUTH SUNDAY
AUGUST 4, 2024
11:00 AM COMBINED SERVICE**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Who You Say I Am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Since ancient times, light and fire have reminded people that God is present with us. The lighting of the candles on the altar represents the Holy Spirit coming into this place as we worship together in community.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ and sign the attendance register at your table.

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Spirit of the Living God

BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS

Congregation: Loving God, be with these people - students, teachers, administrators, custodians...Be with them and help them as they begin a new year of learning, teaching, growing, and serving...May their minds and their pencils be sharp; may their lunches never be forgotten at home; may their pink erasers help them to remember that mistakes are okay - in fact, are a key part of the process.

God, thank you for glue sticks and homework folders, laptops, and crisp new notebooks; thank you for schools and libraries and teachers; thank you for the gift of curiosity and for highlighters to illuminate the important parts - help us be highlighters of your great love. God of Love, bless these backpacks and school bags and all the supplies they will hold...Thank you for those who highlight your love through their actions - parents, mentors, friends, and all who support these students.

We pray these things, believing in You, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:1-5

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WITNESS TO THE WORD

*“Stories from Rocky Mount”
Wells Carter, Hannah Vitters, Lila Crosswell*

Youth

2024 MISSION TRIP PICTURE SLIDESHOW

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Here's My Heart

***CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE AND OFFERTORY**

Only King Forever

(The offering basket is on the altar in the front of the worship space.)

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*Please stand as you are able

Be advised this service is Livestreamed.