

# Life Lessons from Mister Rogers



Calvary Presbyterian Church  
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Online Worship Resource (Sunday, July 17, 2022)

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Prelude: ADAGIO Josef Rheinberger

*"You always make each day a special day. You know how: By just your being you. There's only one person in the whole world that's like you, and that's you. And people can like you just the way you are." ~ Mr. Rogers*

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Vallerie Pringle, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

**We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

**God knows us because God made us--each of us unique and loved.**

Let us worship the God who made us to be beautiful, special sons and daughters.

**Praise God's glorious name!**

**Opening Hymn:**    "Let Us Build a House"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace:  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace,  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Trusting in the mercies of God, we name our sin before God and one another, confident in the Lord's ever-gracious, never-failing help. Let us pray together.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Forgiving God, I confess that I am conformed to this world. I conform to the world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. I conform to the world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to my care. I conform to the world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness and specialness of people who are different from me. I conform to the world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive my conformity, Lord, and transform my heart, that I may more fully reflect the divine nature you've put within me.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, of this we are certain: the steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God hears us. Therefore, receive God's forgiveness and be at peace:

**Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we receive mercy and are helped to live in grace. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response:** "We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
(repeat)**

### **Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Time with Children

Special Music: "The Lord is My Shepherd" - Duet sung by Nancy Guglielmo and Gabriel Mayeden

## Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

**God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal your divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in our ears and understanding, open our minds, and pour out your grace that through these words your Word and will may be known. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:8-11

(Liturgist)

<sup>8</sup> Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

and Romans 12:1-10

Pastor Michelle

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Lessons from Mister Rogers: We Are All Special Rev. Michelle Fincher

**Hymn After Sermon: "We Are an Offering"**

We lift our voices; We lift our hands: We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; We lift our hands; We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, We are an offering.

Call to offering (Liturgist)

God has made each of us unique and beautiful, giving us gifts to share. Freely, then, let us open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need. Thank you for your gracious support of the ministries of this church. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, thank you for the faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage that we may continue to be your body in and for the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil . For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong,  
They are weak but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
As he loved so long ago;  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

Jesus loves me, he will stay  
Close beside me all the way:  
This is what I hope and pray:  
I'll live to please him every day. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude: (#177)

*YOU ARE MINE*

David Haas

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,  
David Maley, pianist, Nancy Guglielmo and Gabriel Mayeden, duet singers,  
Vallerie Pringle, liturgist, and Glenn Fahrig, technology team