



Coloring the Lives of Children and Families October 2009

Thought for the Day:

“In our life there is a single color, as on an artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the color of love.”

Marc Chagall

Call to Worship:

Bright eyes, full of wonder,
A ready smile and laughter's face,
Boisterous hugs from a joyful heart,
Boundless energy and contagious zest,
All are gifts from God --
Planted in the young
and meant to flower each day throughout their lives.
Praise God for the gift,
And thank God for the reminders --
The precious children in our midst.

Unison Prayer

Loving God, a child is your greatest gift,
and sometimes your biggest challenge!
Many of your children are truly distressed this day.
Abuse, neglect, and other traumatic events are
draining the color from their young lives.
We want to help, but we often feel helpless and frustrated.
Fill us with your wisdom, Lord, and use us to color their lives
with hope and joy and peace and love.
Thank You Lord, for hearing us and for empowering us for this important ministry.
Amen.

Scripture: Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-31 (the Creation Story) or
Genesis 9:8-17 (God's Covenant with Noah)
Psalter Psalm 126 (UMH #847)
New Testament Lesson: Mark 10:13-1

Hymns: Help Us Accept Each Other (UMH #560)
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (UMH #277)
All Things Bright and Beautiful (UMH #147)
Many Gifts, One Spirit (UMH #114)