

## **Matthew 18:1-9**

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”  
2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

### Causing to Stumble

6 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

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SULLY CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH

*“Cultivating space for people to experience  
the transforming love of Christ.”*

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***“Princes and Princesses”***

**Gathering With Joy**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship.....

\* Opening Song ..... “Before the Throne of God Above”

\* God’s Greeting

\* Song .....

**Opening Ourselves to God**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

Song.....”How Great Thou Art”

Congregational Prayer

**Examining Our Consciences**

\* Song ..... “There is Power in the Blood”

Scripture.....Matthew 18:1-9

Sermon ..... “Princes and Princesses”

**Responding in Faith**

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

\* Song of Preparation.....“Behold the Lamb”

**Institution of the Supper We Gather at the Lord’s Table**

**Pastor:** Come, all you who are loved by God, come to the table of the Lord, come and eat food with no cost, come and drink with no money to pay.

**Congregation:** We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.

**Pastor:** Yes, Dear Lord our God, our hearts truly are glad, and we are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us in the dark and fearful places of this world, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

**Congregation:** And all who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe, all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life.

**Pastor:** Jesus, We remember the way you showed your love: At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing a table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

**Congregation:** By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection, You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

**Pastor:** On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,

**Congregation:** "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Pastor:** You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,

**Congregation:** "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

**Pastor:** Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

