

Sunday, October 3rd

Bell Ringing

Welcome

Litany

In the beginning. The Spirit over the deep; new life daily unfolding at God's call. Darkness and light: Good. Skies, lands, and seas: Good. The earth and all that fills it – plants and rocks, the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good. At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation. **Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.**

We have misunderstood our calling to be protectors of God's creation. **Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.**

We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us. **Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.**

May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures, deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving, so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – All Creatures, Worship God Most High #835, vs. 1 – 3

1. All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong, drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Reading: Genesis 1:1, 20-28

Kids' Sermon

Refrain: All God's critters got a place in the choir, Some sing low, some sing higher, Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

1. Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom, Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus, Moans and groans with a big t'do, And the old cow just goes moo. The dogs and the cats they take up the middle, While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles, The donkey prays and the pony neighs And the old grey badger sighs. *Refrain*
2. Listen to the top where the little birds sing, On the melodies with the high notes ringing, The hoot owl cries over everything, And the blackbird disagrees. Singin' in the night time, singing in the day, The little duck quacks, then he's on his way. The otter hasn't got much to say, And the porcupine talks to himself. *Refrain*
3. It's a simple song of living sung everywhere, By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear, The grumpy alligator the the hawk above, The sly ol' weasel and the turtle dove. *Refrain X2*

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon

Earth and All Stars #731

Pups and all cats! Loud talking parrots! Sing to the Lord a new song! Snail, slug, and worm! Loud cawing ravens! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song!

Lizards and frogs! Loud clashing bull elk! Sing to the Lord a new song! Salmon and carp! Loud roaring cougar! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song!

Horses and goats! Loud treading hamsters! Sing to the Lord a new song! Rooster and hen! Loud braying donkey! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song!

Persians and Labs! Loud mooing jerseys! Sing to the Lord a new song! Garter and vole! Loud chirping cricket! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song!

Nuthatch and lark! Loud sounding seagulls! Sing to the Lord a new song! Bumble and fly! Loud praying mantis! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song!

Apostles' Creed - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

The Words of Institution

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Announcements & Benediction

Let All Things Now Living #881

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Dismissal

In our prayers: Curt Lundquist