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10:15 am Worship Service

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Liturgist: Lee Metzger

Second Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Creator God, you formed our universe from a shapeless void;

You fashioned the planets and forged the stars;

You established the seasons and determined life's rightful order:

Creator God, we worship you!

Word of Life, you spoke over your creation and made it live;

You painted nature into beautiful color;

You stirred seas and rivers to song;

You called forth creatures of every shape and size:

Word of Life, we hear your call and come to you.

Spirit of Life, you gathered the dust of the earth and made humans;

You breathed life into them, that they might know you;

You filled your earth with tribes and nations;

You entrusted your precious world to us your family:

Spirit of Life, you are the breath of all life!

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Hymn #51 How Great Thou Art

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION Jeremiah 6:16

"Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(The National Council of Churches)

Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the work of stewardship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for your delight. You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance. Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset the balance.

We ask your forgiveness, Holy and Righteous God. We yearn to join with the mountains and valleys, the rocks and the birds of the wild ocean waters in singing your praises. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We are standing at a crossroads. We have been forgiven and shown where the good way lies. Let us walk upon it for the sake of all God's creation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of steadfast love, by the guidance of your Spirit, instruct and teach us in the way we should go; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 9:9-13

John 1:1-5

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Herb Volk

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn #438

On Eagle's Wings

Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers, sisters, siblings, harming no one.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

(Pope Francis, Laudato Si.)

We pray:

for the nation and the local community...

for all those who care for the Earth and its inhabitants...

for those who are sick or in any need...

for the departed and for those who mourn...

Lord, hear our prayers.

Living God, you call us to yourself so that we may live in wholeness with ourselves, our neighbors and all of creation. Trusting in your mercy, we commend into your hands all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator (Mother/Father/Spirit), 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God gives us more than enough for our journey of faith. Let us present our tithes and offerings for the sake of creation and to the glory of God.

OFFERTORY

Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host.

Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Helen Mason 2018 Women's World Day of Prayer, edited.)

God

Creator

Of the Universe

Of the earth and sea

Of the earth's fruits and flowers

Of all humans, habitats and creatures

Receive our offerings for the care for your world

In all its beauty and fragility

In trust for you

Creator

God.

Amen

Please be seated

Hymn #727

America, The Beautiful

BENEDICTION

The rainbow was placed into the sky as a promise to all of creation. May we remember God's covenant so the earth and all of creation will live from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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Ushers today are Linda Brickajlik and Jim Smith
Altar Guild today is Karen Gossard

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Consistory 2025

Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson
Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush,
Herb Volk (Vice President)
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

Sunday Lunch @ the Pavilion

Sponsored by the Culinary Team

July 13th immediately following worship.

Main Course will be hamburgers and hot dogs

Please bring a covered dish to compliment the meal (side and/or dessert)

You can sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer or call Ken Barndt 215.257.7063. Please indicate what dish you will provide to share.



FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE TABLES IS OUR GOAL!!!

51 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-c-la-ma-tion and take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
 gran-deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze.
 bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my sin.
 ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

On Eagle's Wings

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Unison G D/F# G

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his
 (2) snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, 7 and fa-mine will
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the ar - row that

shad-ow for life, say to the Lord, "My ref - uge, my
 bring you no fear, un - der his wings your ref - uge, his
 flies by day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, 7

F Gm Asus A *Refrain* D

Rock in whom I trust."
 faith - ful - ness your shield. And he will raise you up on
 near you it shall not come.

Em A7 D D7/F#

ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D *D.C.*

sun and hold you in the palm of his hand. 2 The

Fine

WORDS and MUSIC: Michael Joncas (1951 -)

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America, the Beautiful

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine!
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!

WORDS: Katharine L. Bates (1859-1929)
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903)MATERNA
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