

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11:00 a.m. Service for October 27, 2019

All God's Creatures



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CELEBRATION OF CREATION
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GATHERING

We welcome you and rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us. We are a congregation of caring and committed Christians who hope that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and perhaps enable you to grow in your love of God. We do ask that you complete the information sheet found in the “RED” Registration Pads in each pew. Where there is an asterisk in the service, we invite you to stand if you are able. Where you see **bold print**, we encourage you to join in the reading with others. If you seek more information concerning Friendship Church, please mark the appropriate space on the information sheet or contact the Church Office.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Bethany” (Southbridge)

L: O God, Your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,

P: And every living thing has worth and beauty in Your sight.

L: So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.

P: Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer You their praise.

L: You made the pets we welcome in – They’re wondrous blessings, too. With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to You.

P: O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care. May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.

L: Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea. O Lord, you give us your command to love them tenderly.

P: We're called to have dominion here – to care for them always. By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 144 “This Is My Father’s World”

UNISON PRAYER

Blessed are You, O Lord of the Universe; You create the animals and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work. You give us domestic animals as companions. You care for us even as you care for the birds of the air. O Lord of the Universe; you offered Your Son to us as the Passover lamb and in Him willed that we should be called Your children. Therefore, O God, we give You all thanks and praise. Amen.

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

-Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory “The King of Love my Shepherd Is” (arr. Whitworth)

*Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication & 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.
Amen*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #62 Verses 1-5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 1:20-25, Mark 16:15, Luke 15:3-6, Colossians 1:20

MESSAGE:

“The Blessing of Creation is The Blessing of The Soul”
– Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (see bulletin insert)

*CLOSING SONG:

UMH #147 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “The Royal Banners” (Mansfield)