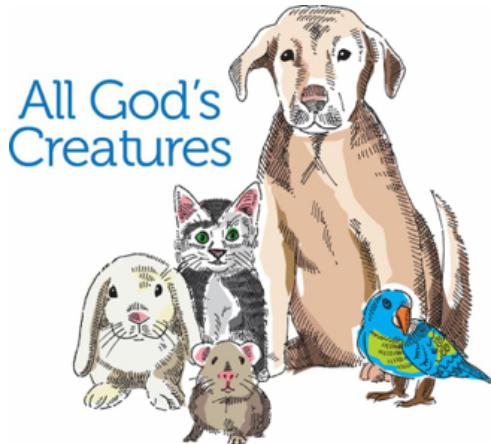


BLESSING OF THE PETS

How great are Your works, O God! You made them all with wisdom, the earth is full of Your creatures
Psalms 104:24



Furry, feathered, finned, four-legged, and winged, the diversity of God's creatures inspires wonder and awe. From Noah's Ark, to barn animals surrounding baby Jesus, to Isaiah's vision of the lion dwelling with the lamb, God's creatures play an important role in the Bible. In the psalms, creatures give praise to the Lord, having their own relationship with God separate from humanity. Thus, knowing and loving God's creatures helps us better know our Creator.

"Blessing of the Pets" will be Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the church courtyard. Bring your dogs and cats... bring your gerbils and birds... bring your rabbits and fish... bring your friends and grandchildren with their beloved pets. All animals are welcome and must be securely restrained.

The courtyard of the Memorial Church facility offers a splendid setting to give thanks with the words of the beloved hymn attributed to St. Francis:

All Creatures of Our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing.

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