

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge

The Rev. Brent Was, Celebrant

The Rev. Alice Hildebrand, Preacher

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Second Sunday of the Season of Creation

Pentecost Proper 19

September 14, 2025

The Gathering of the Community

Pastor Elaine Hewes: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.
Congregation: **We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *The Peace* Dan Locklair

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 405 *All things bright and beautiful (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Song of Praise: ELW 876 *Let the whole creation cry (verse 1)*

Let the Whole Creation Cry 876



Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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The Collects of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**
Gracious God, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 *(read by the preacher)*
At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

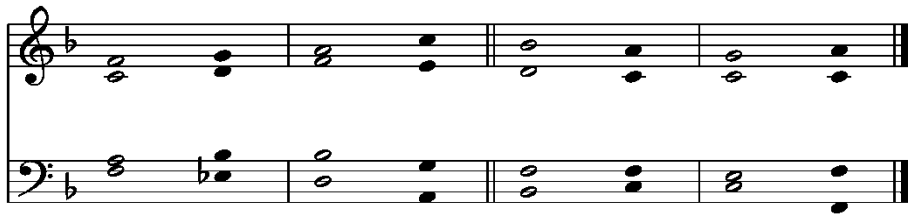
I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.
I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.
I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.
For thus says the LORD:

The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Preacher: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! *
You have set your glory above the heavens. ‖
Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, *
to silence the enemy and the a-venger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars that you have es-tablished; ‖
what are humans that you are mindful of them, *
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God *
and crowned them with glory and honor. ‖
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; *
you have put all things under their feet,

A all sheep and oxen, *
and also the beasts of the field, *(return to A)*
A the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, *
whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ‖
B O Lord, our Sovereign, *
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson: First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, `Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *"Yet I will not make a full end."* The Rev. Alice Hildebrand

Silence

Profession of Faith *(led by Celebrant)*

We trust in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We trust in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We trust in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we trust in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We trust in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and moves among us today.
We trust in everlasting life in God,
and we look forward to that time
when all of creation will be gathered
in the embrace of God's expansive love.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Creator God, hear the prayers of our hearts as we strive to care for the earth and each other.

We pray for the holy Church of God to be a light for all creation, a place of healing and reconciliation embodying the love of Christ to a hurting world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, ministers, and spiritual leaders, especially we pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop, Thomas; and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in authority here and in the world that they might work together to seek justice and equity for all people. Strengthen them to lead with compassion and wisdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth for which we give thanks to our Creator God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, for those struggling with addiction, homelessness, joblessness or loneliness, that they may know the power of your transforming love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Show us how to respect and appreciate the earth, its oceans, mountains, trees, and all its creatures, the birds and the bears, the bees and the butterflies.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have died and for those who mourn them, for those who are dying and those who care for them, be with them Creator God, may they be comforted by your promise of eternal life in love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

We offer these prayers for all creation in faith and hope that we might be doers of the Word and agents of your love to all whom we encounter. In the name of, Jesus Christ, our redeemer and advocate who lives and reins with you and the Holy Spirit forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,

Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**
Our smallness of heart,
Our lack of imagination,
Our guardedness in giving,
Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,
Our misuse of the gifts of creation,
Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.
We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,
to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Creator God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 697 *My God, accept my heart this day (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, and your simplicity into our corruption.
Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.
And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* ***WLP* 858**



In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."
So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Congregation: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
Celebrant: Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.
Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.
Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem
Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God …

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer
Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 400 *All creatures of our God and King (verses 1-3, in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Lasst uns erfreuen*

Announcements

Dismissal

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Confession written by Elaine Hewes

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, September 15	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, September 16	7:00 p.m. Screening of the documentary *Building Hope: Ending Homelessness* at the Opera House
Wednesday, September 17	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, September 20	10:00 a.m. Service of Celebration for Michael Hewes at the Blue Hill Congregational Church
Sunday, September 21	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Andrew Stoessel presiding

Looking Ahead

Saturday, September 27	8:30 a.m. - The topic of this month's Men's Breakfast will be immigration and will be led by Dan McDonald. Because it is a topic of general interest to everyone in our community, this will be a joint Men's and Women's Breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape)

Celebrate the Season of Creation, September 1- October 13

Have you ever considered composting as a way to reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions, improve our soils, and save our towns money by reducing wastes that the private haulers have to truck away to a regional landfill?

CHICKADEE COMPOST is a local business that can partner with you in your effort to compost and with your contributions will provide magnificent soil for your gardening needs.

The GPS action for this week of our celebration of the Season of Creation is to go to the Chickadee Compost website (or visit in person in Surry) and learn how you might join with them in a compost creating adventure! Enjoy their photos of huge piles of beautiful rich soil that was made possible by community participation.
https://www.chickadeecompost.com/

Each little flower that opens *The Hymnal 1982,* #405



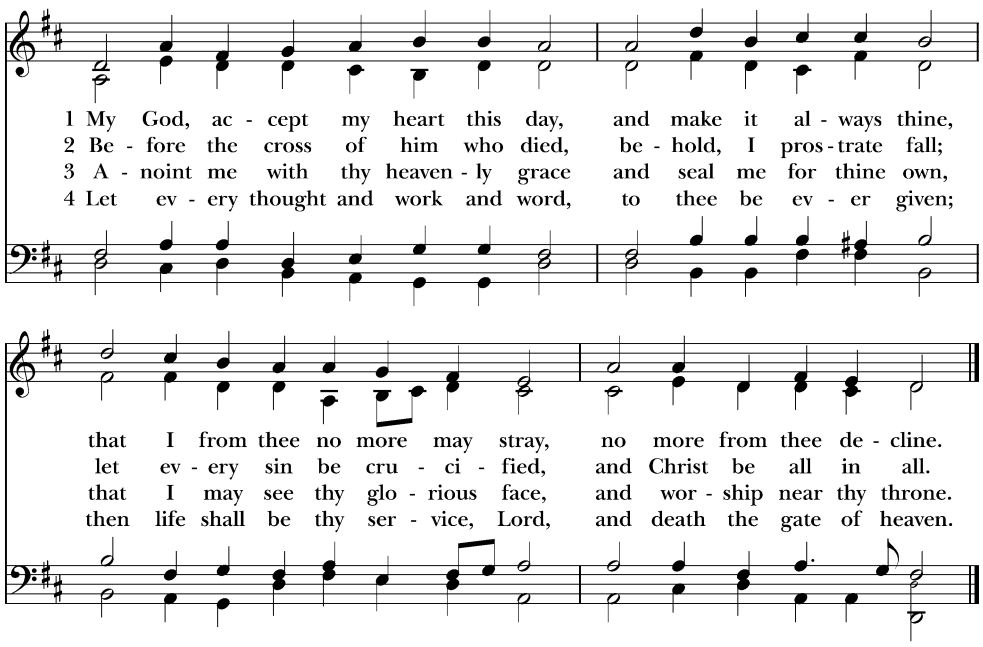
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My Shepherd will supply my need *The Hymnal 1982,* #664



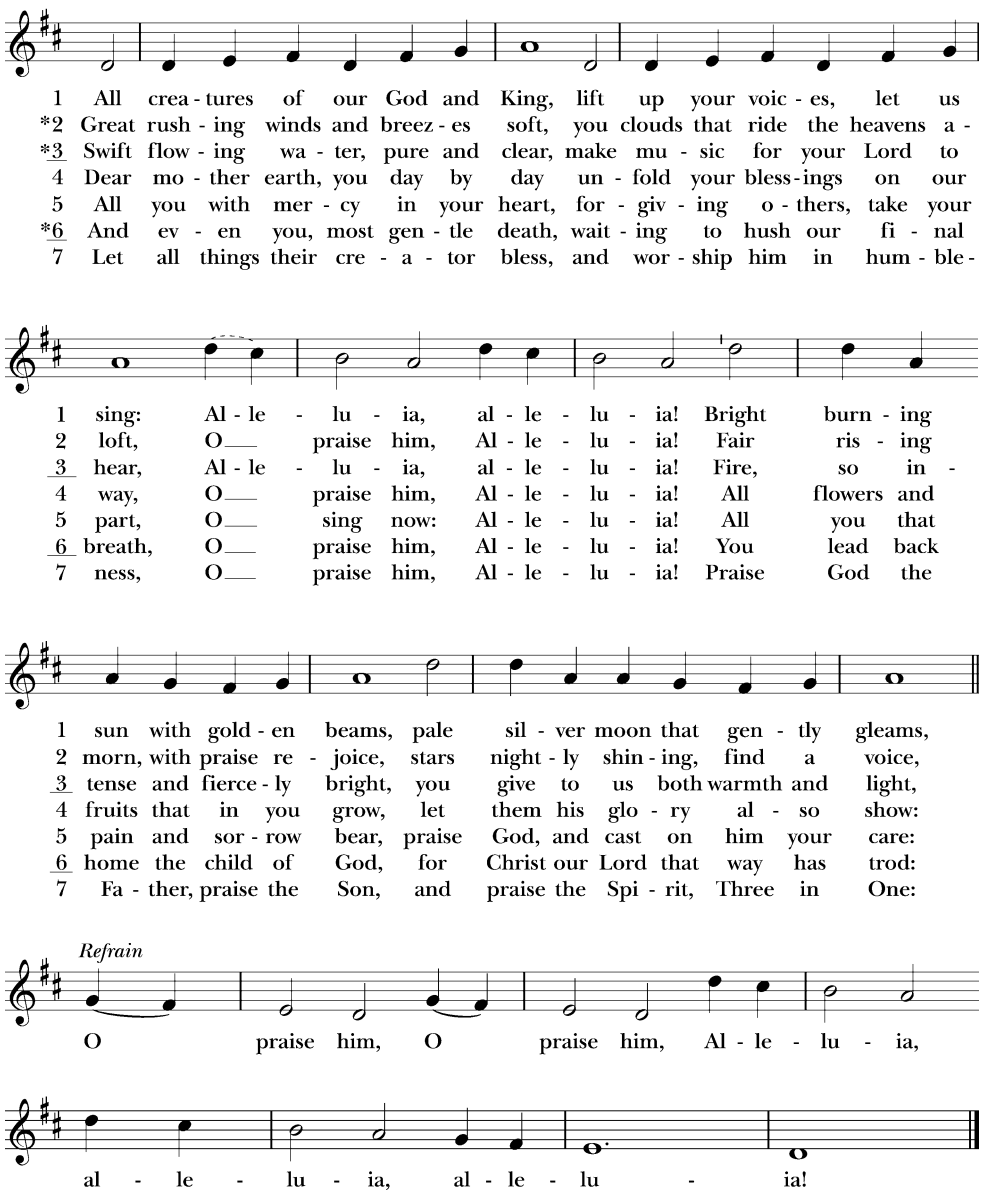
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

My God, accept my heart this day *The Hymnal 1982*, #697



Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894), alt. Music: *Song 67*, from *Llyfr y Psalmau*, 1621, alt.; adapt. Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt.; harm. Mary Monica Waterhouse Bridges (1863-1949); alt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).
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All creatures of our God and King *The Hymnal 1982,* #400



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.