

Sunday, September 10, 2023 Pentecost 15 10:00 A.M.

Season of Creation

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. Today is a Messy Sunday, an interactive service for all ages. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Praise be to God who creates, **who breathes life into being.**
Praise be to God who redeems, **who invites us to live in love.**
Praise be to God who sustains, **who joins us together as one body.**
Come, children of the Triune God, **come worship our wild and wonderful Maker.**

HYMN: This is God's Wondrous World

1. This is God's wondrous world,
   and to my list'ning ears all nature sings,
   and round me rings the music of the spheres.
   This is God's wondrous world;
   I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
   of skies and seas, the wonders God has wrought.
2. This is God's wondrous world;
   the birds their carols raise,
   the morning light, the dark of night,
   declare their Maker's praise.
   This is God's wondrous world;
   a wand'rer I may roam.
   Whate'er my lot, it matters not,
   my heart is still at home.
3. This is God's wondrous world;
   oh, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong
   seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
   This is God's wondrous world; the battle is not
   done. Jesus who died shall be glorified,
   and earth and heav'n be one.

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that everything was good.

At our beginning, God created us
unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before we come to be.

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new
so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends,
in the colors of creation,
and in this beautiful place.

Creator of all,
open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to sense your presence,
and our hearts to love your presence,
ever here in your creation,
and ever beyond it in eternity.
Amen.

Introduction to today's theme

Collect for the Healing of Creation
Creator God, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. Your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world. Amen.

Hymn # 3 Morning Has Broken
(Blue Book)

Children's story and conversation

First Reading: Romans 13: 8-14
Reader: John Warkentin
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Reflection and Interaction time

Prayer

The Prayers of the People – *Carol Gardiner*

The Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 403 Let All Things Now Living *(Blue Book)*

Prayer over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to God
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: Blessed are you Gracious God …….
……..join their unending hymn.

(Hymn #719 Blue Book)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: Before he died, …….
……..of one loaf and one cup.

(Hymn #721 Blue Book)
Amen, amen, amen

The Lord's Prayer
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.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 214 May God's Sheltering Wings
(Red Book)

THE COMMUNION

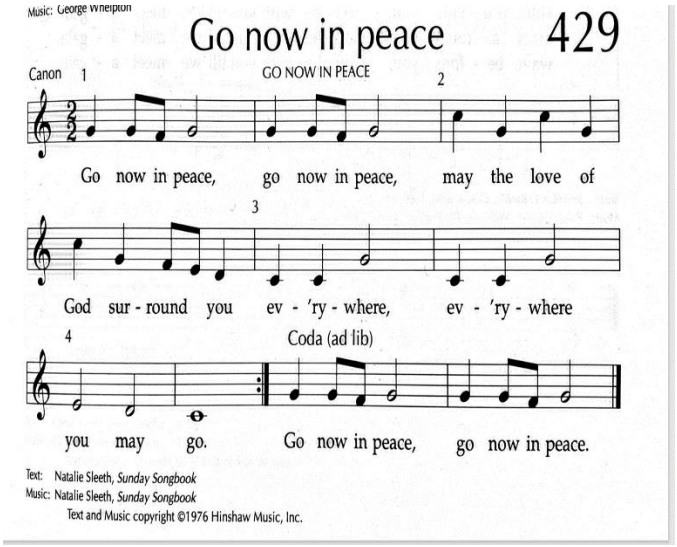
Hymn: I Saw a Tree by the Riverside
Choir to sing verses congregation to join on refrain.
(See insert)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN: Go Now in Peace



Dismissal and Blessing of the trees
Please join us as we process outdoors to bless the trees.