

Sunday, September 17, 2023 Pentecost 16 10:00 A.M.

Season of Creation 2

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**)

Greeting

Land Acknowledgment

Divine Voice – **You sing and the universe comes into being.**
Divine Breath – **You breathe and all things spring to life**
Divine Word – **You call and creation is sustained**
Divine Flesh – **you are born among us**
Divine Spirit - **you fill all that has been formed**
Divine Life – **you are the pulse of all that is**
And so, in amazement, awe, wonder, and celebration
We marvel at this mystery.
In you, all things live and move and have being
In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry.
And so, we join with creation in the eternal song of worship and wonder.

HYMN: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
(See insert)

The Creation Collect for the Day
O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness
we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften
and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Romans 14: 1-12
Reader: Geri Urch
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading
Reader: Geri Urch
A Reading from *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert, Terry Tempest Williams*
The eyes of the future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. They are kneeling with hands clasped that we might act with restraint, that we might leave room for the life that is destined to come. To protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.

Hymn # 381 Praise, My Soul
We will be singing the italicized words. (Blue Book)

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: 21-35
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Wayne Stewart*

The Confession and Absolution

Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.
We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace
Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN # 486 Love Divine

All Loves Excelling *(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.

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

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

Amen

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

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

Chant # 360 Bless the Lord My Soul
(Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

Hymn: O Beauty Ever Ancient
(See insert)

The Prayer after Communion

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 # 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
(Blue Book)

Blessing and Dismissal

Glory to God,