

Season of Creation 4, September 20, 2026
Music, Ministers, News, Prayers, and Readings

Prelude: Panis Angelicus	César Franck arr. Pierre Gouin
Entrance Hymn: Hymnal 365	<i>Come thou almighty king</i> Moscow
Song of Praise: Hymnal S-278	
Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 506	<i>Praise the spirit of creation</i> Finnian
Offertory Anthem: The Lord is my Light	Franklin D. Ashdown
Sanctus: Hymnal S-128	
Fraction: Hymnal S-165	
Communion Hymn: Hymnal 302	<i>Father we thank thee</i> Rendez à Dieu
Mission Hymn: Hymnal 20	<i>Now Holy Spirit, ever one</i> Wareham
Postlude: Little Fugue in D Minor	J. S. Bach

Today's Ministers

Preacher: Lisa D

Readers: (8AM) Canon Serena B,
Cheri C (10AM) Barbara N, Kate L,
Barbara M

Eucharistic Ministers:(8AM) Dean B
(10AM) Karin B

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Dr. Jim B,
Bob M

Altar Guild: Kay A, Cheryl H,
Kathy O

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Alma Z

Hospitality: Violeta & Michael M
Ablution Guild: Kathy B

Acknowledgements

Season of Creation: Genesis 1:14-19; Book of Creation, Via Creationis – for more information, please go to SeasonOfCreation.org

Proper 20: Psalm 145:1-8; Matthew 20:1-16

Good News

Youth Group, Sunday, Sept 27, 11:30-12:30 PM in room 18

Caring for the Earth Film Series: Sundays, 9 AM in room 16

Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador Training: Oct 17, 9-1 PM

Book Club, Oct 17, 10 AM

Shake Out Sunday: Oct 18

Trunk or Treat, Oct 24, 4-7PM – For more info, see Betty F

Blessing of Costumes, Oct 25

Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9 -10:30 AM, Room 16

Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays, 7-8PM, Chapel

Song of Praise: What are you grateful for? How is God blessing you?

The Creation Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to active hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Testament: The Fourth Day

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between reader, first, and then the community.

(10AM)



- ¹ I will exalt you, O / God my / **King, ***
and bless your / Name for / ever and / **ever.**
- ² Every day / will I / **bless you ***
and praise your / Name for / ever and / **ever.**

- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly / to be / **praised**; *
there is no / eñd / to your / **greatness**.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works / to an- / **other** *
and / shall de- / clare your / **power**.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor / of your / **majesty** *
and / all your / mar-velous / works.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your / won-drous / **acts**, *
and I will / tell / of your / **greatness**.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of / your great / **goodness**; *
they shall sing / of your / right-eous / **deeds**.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and / full of com- / **passion**, *
slow to anger and / öf / grëat / **kindness**.

Book of Creation

A reading from the Book of Creation.

Stars clustered into galaxies. These flying whirlpools of cosmic matter evolved into all kinds of beautiful shapes and colors, blending the gleaming white of the flocked stars together with the diverse palettes of clouds of dust and. Throughout billions of years, the cosmos birthed at least a trillion of these stunning galaxies, each of them holding billions of stars.

About 6 billion years ago, in a random galaxy – our very own Milky Way Galaxy – yet another supernova took place. But this was a special one for us. An old star, the ancient mother of our Sun, ran out of fuel and collapsed through a massive explosion. A fabulous cloud of cosmic dust was released, fertile ground for new stars and planets to form.

About 4.6 billion years ago, out of remnants of that supernova explosion, a new star was born, our sacred Sun.

Sometime after that, orbiting the Sun, the Earth and other planets formed, also coming from the same supernova debris. Earth was a fireball, a soup of molten rock. Our sacred Earth was full of creativity ready to be unleashed.

Soon after, the Moon came into being and started orbiting Earth, most likely after the impact of a large body. The giant rock has been our faithful companion since then.

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Gospel: Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Preachers

Lisa D, Sep 20

Dr. Jim B, Sep 27

Benjamin F, Oct 4

Reverend Sally M, Oct 11

Susan M, Oct 18

Kimberly C, Oct 25

Blessing of Pledges, Nov 1