

Season of Creation 5, September 27, 2026
Music, Ministers, News, Prayers, and Readings

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on O Traurigkeit	Healey Willan
Entrance Hymn: Hymnal 401	<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>
Song of Praise: Hymnal S-278	
Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 510	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove</i> Saint Agnes
Offertory Anthem: God be in my Head	Colin Brumby
Sanctus: Hymnal S-128	
Fraction: Hymnal S-165	
Communion Hymn: Hymnal 313	<i>Let thy Blood in mercy poured</i>
Mission Hymn: Hymnal 569	<i>God, the Omnipotent</i> Russia
Postlude: Duetto I	J. S. Bach

Today's Ministers

Preacher: Dr. Jim B	Altar Guild: Kay A, Cheryl H, Kathy O
Readers: (8AM) Ralph M, Cheri W (10AM) Rosemary W, Greg H, John F	Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S (10AM) Sally & Stan K
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Cheryl W (10AM) Dr. Jim B	Hospitality: Sally & Stan K, Kim C
Digital Ministry: (10AM) Rob G, Paul S	Ablution Guild: Moli T

Acknowledgements

Season of Creation: Genesis 1:20-23; Book of Creation, Via Creationis – for more information, please go to SeasonOfCreation.org
Proper 21: Psalm 25:1-8; Matthew 21:23-32

Good News

Youth Group, Sunday, Sept 27, 11:30-12:30 PM, Room 18
Caring for the Earth Film Series: Sundays, 9 AM, Room 16
Clear the Road for Freedom, Hosted Lunch at Rectory, Oct 3
Pet Blessing & Vegetarian Potluck, Oct 4
Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador Training, Oct 17, 9-1 PM
Book Club, Oct 17, 10 AM
Shake Out Sunday: Oct 18
Organ Recital: Oct 18
Trunk or Treat, Oct 24, 4-7PM – For more info, see Betty F
Blessing of Costumes, Oct 25
Bible Study: Tues, 9AM, Room 16 | **Centering Prayer**, Weds, 7PM, Chapel

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

The Creation Collect of the Day

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; 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 Fifth Day

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth 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 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trust in / **you**; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / tri-umph / o-ver / **me**.
- ² Let none who look to you be / put to / **shame**; *
let the treacherous be disap- / point-ed / in their / **schemes**.
- ³ Show me your / ways, O / **LORD**, *

and / teach / me your / **paths.**

⁴ Lead me in your / truth and / **teach me, ***

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted / all the / day / **long.**

⁵ Remember, O LORD, your com- / passion and / **love, ***

for they / are from / e-ver- / **lasting.**

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and / my trans- / **gressions; ***

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your / good- / ness, O / **LORD.**

⁷ Gracious and upright / is the / **LORD; ***

therefore you teach / sin-ners / in your / **way.**

⁸ You guide the humble in / do-ing / **right ***

and teach your / way / to the / **lowly.**

Book of Creation

A reading from the Book of Creation.

About 600 million years ago, worms and jellyfish appeared in the seas. They featured the first nervous systems, allowing them to sense their environment and swim around. About 500 million years ago, fish emerged. They featured cartilage and bones.

The first marine reptiles emerged about 250 million years ago and the first marine mammals about 50 million years ago.

About 390 million years ago, the first flying creatures emerged from water, an ancient species of dragonfly.

Birds eventually emerged about 150 million years ago. After mastering flying through their light feathers, they evolved into an awe-inspiring array of sacred flapping life.

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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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to

them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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



Preachers

Dr. Jim B, Sep 27

Benjamin F, Oct 4

Reverend Sally M, Oct 11

Paul S | Susan M, Oct 18

Kimberly C, Oct 25

Blessing of Pledges, Nov 1