

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “How Great Thou Art” arr. Ralston
Duet—Deb Koltveit, piano & Janis Wheat, organ

* DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

* CLOSING HYMN - “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” #32

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” #248

***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

POSTLUDE “Hallelujah, What a Savior!” arr. Smith
Piano Duet: Deb Koltveit & Janis Wheat



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Order of Worship

CREATION SUNDAY

April 23, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE “The Heavens are Telling” (from “The Creation”) – Haydn
Duet – Deb Koltveit, piano & Janis Wheat, organ

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “For the Beauty of the Earth” #14 verse 1

***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”* (Hymn of Promise) #250

* **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Gracious God, you have given us everything. Our lives and all creation are because of you and your love for us, but sometimes we turn away from all the gifts and grace you have given us. We do not care for the world you have given us. We hurt the earth with all our consumption and the resources we waste in our desire for convenience. We are selfish and think only of our comfort. Dear Lord, in your mercy, we can only plead for your forgiveness and the strength to be better stewards of your creation every day. Amen.

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsively)

Hear the good news!

Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

* **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace.

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Bill Brouwer

ANTHEM - *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* – arr. Dennis [Faith Tone Chime Choir]

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Genesis 1:26-2:3

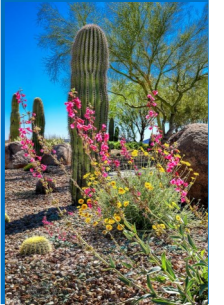
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – John 1:1-5, 14-16

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SERMON

“It Was Very Good”



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: “The Apostles Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.