

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter the song of Creation! **Earth cradles our ancestors, birthing new life.**

We enter the prayer of Creation! **Sky brings darkness and light, holds storms and the stars.**

We enter the praise of Creation! **Mountains peaked with snow, hills swaying with grasses.**

We enter the silence of Creation! **Humanity between the ground and the heavens.**

We come here, humbly, as one earthly family to worship our Creator: the giver of form, the maker of space. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Earth and All Stars!* (ELW 731) (See Insert)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + One God, who calls forth Creation, evokes praise from Creation, and stirs life in Creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

God of righteousness and justice,

You have made the Earth and all that is in it, but we have failed to honor your good work. We do not recognize your presence among us, and our hardened hearts do not hear Creation's cry. We have made your good land a desolation, and we dishonor your image in our neighbors. Forgive us, in your steadfast love, O God, for trampling your vineyards and polluting your sky. On your holy mountain, call us again to be stewards of your Earth and to join all Creation in songs of praise. Amen.

Rejoice, for the Incarnate Word has come to you. Laying aside all heavenly glory, the Servant of all is obedient unto death to make of you and all the Earth a new Creation. Rejoice, for Christ, from whom nothing can separate you, + forgives you all your sins. Rejoice, for the One whose name is majestic in all the Earth raises you up to newness of life. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (FAITH): *Celtic Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (N NEW HOPE)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *God Created Heaven and Earth* (ELW 738) (See Insert)

CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Creator God, hear our prayer.*

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of all creation: of flowers and trees, of butterflies and bees, of squirrels and mountain lions, bless you, keep you, and strengthen you for the work of loving all Creation. In the name of the + Triune God. **Amen**

SENDING SONG *God of the Sparrow* (ELW 740) (See Insert)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for Creation. **Thanks be to God.**

