

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Celebration of God's Creation Sunday*

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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 20 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*
<https://youtu.be/ZxMmj7pdIjM> - Acapeldridge, Michael Eldridge

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, Lord God almighty,
Wonderful Counselor, Light of the world,
the Prince of Peace, Hope of Glory,
Man of Sorrow, Lamb of God

Call to Worship:

Loving God, all creation calls you blessed, and so do we.
Your Spirit imprints the whole universe with life and mystery.
Yes, all creation proclaims your love.

For you have woven an intimate tapestry and called it life and called it good.

In love you have formed a universe so diverse yet so related.

Into its web you call us forth to walk the land and swim the sea and share in all creation.

To the stars we seem no more than blades of grass.

Yet to you, each of us, like each blade of grass and each star,
is an irreplaceable treasure, an essential companion on this journey of love.

**Loving God, as you lure the whole world into salvation;
guide us with your Spirit to see the world as you do.**

Remind us that we are living into your kingdom by caring for your creatures,
for the land, the water, and the air.

Loving God, all creation calls you blessed, and so do we.

Hymn of Praise # 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

<https://youtu.be/OYKP2p6uEkM> - Tommy Walker with (with Sean Beck and the CBC Choir).

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began,
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Call to Confession:

Let us take a moment in our worship to recall and ask forgiveness for those things that separate us from God, from each other, and from God's creation. God desires us to be free from the burden of our sins and free to love and care for this world that God has entrusted to us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We live in your world, O God, and for this, we praise and thank you. Among your treasures, we have fashioned many things to make our lives easier, healthier, and freer. But we have also created more things than we need, more than we can ever use.

**When these things distract us from our purpose in this life, we are misusing the world you have created.
When these things prevent others from having their basic needs met, your creation is corrupted. Help us to keep our eyes open to this temptation of consumerism.**

Help us to be followers of Jesus who are focused on the important and simple things in life -- Christians who care for others and are willing to share our riches with those who have unmet needs. Give us the courage to go against our culture when it confuses wants and needs.

Remind us that when the journey of life in this world is complete, we take with us only what we have inside ourselves: treasures of the heart, love and generosity, friendship and concern, caring and sharing (moment of silent confession). We pray for these things in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news: God intends for us to have life, to share its abundance, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 649 *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

<https://youtu.be/xKQULTTnaI8> - Carl Ellis along with over 200 bagpipes

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

First Lesson: Psalm 33:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Special Music: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Sung by Fountain View Academy Singers: <https://youtu.be/81d84iBhUjg>

Second Lesson: Luke 12:22-31

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Sermon: "What Really Matters?" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God the Creator,
who created and is creating everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.**

**We believe in God the Christ,
who saved and is saving everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us:
each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who guided and is guiding everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.**

**We believe that this one God in three persons,
is present among us,
working directly in our lives
and the lives of all who are born into this world,
striving to bring us back into harmony
with all creation and with God:
forgiving, healing, touching everyone,
never rejecting any who willingly receive
this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.
(written by Mt. Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Portland, OR)**

Hymn of Meditation # 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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<https://youtu.be/1zrxcCePVYw> - Larry Dalton Chorale

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
(Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.
(Refrain)

Prayer for Creation:

Creator God, keep us always aware of how we treat your magnificent and fragile creation. Help us to find the amazement we once had as children when we look at the awesome beauty of your world. Show us, once again, the simple joys of walking barefoot on a sandy beach, playing in the rain, and picking fresh flowers and vegetables from the garden. Remind us to share these joys with our children and grandchildren and to teach them to value all that you have created so that generations to come can benefit from these things, too. Help us to make the most of opportunities to experience holy times of solitude while enjoying the peacefulness of nature. Help us to keep your command to preserve the earth and care for all that is in it. Teach us to regularly do our part to respect and protect all living creatures as an act of love and gratitude to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We offer our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

This month our mission project has been focused on *Daily Change* (collecting coins for every meal we eat) and gathering up groceries for *Food for People and Pets*. If you would like to participate in this mission project, you can send a check to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for the hunger project you would like to support. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Doxology # 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

<https://youtu.be/Pt8vqxGZp-0>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God 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 and Thanksgiving:

Thank you, God, for all the ways you care for us and for all the ways your glorious handiwork is revealed everywhere and in everything. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be caring stewards of this planet we call home. Help us to be part of the healing of our world by what we do and what we say. Bless these gifts and multiply them for the feeding of those who hunger this day. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

TREES OF THE FIELD

<https://youtu.be/HHBz0aZ6JGI> - St. Francis United Church

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (XX);
the trees of the field will clap their hands (XX);
the trees of the field will clap their hands (XX)
while you go out with joy.**

Charge and Benediction:

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, go in peace.

May God our Creator renew in us the creative Spirit
that brings healing and life to all creation.

May Jesus the Christ, sustain us in boundless grace and love

May the Holy Spirit fill us with courage to be bearers of God's hope in the world,

Amen.

Postlude: A Music Video Explosion of God's Glory in All Creation

Creation Calls: <https://youtu.be/InNlp1Q4wsM>

(this is a bit different from my usual picks. It is a contemporary meditation to connect you with God and all creation—the video is amazing! You can watch it with the sound on or off and enjoy the majestic beauty of it all).



***Creator God, who placed this planet and all its resources into our care,
encourage those who now remind us of our responsibilities,
both to you and future generations,
to do all that is necessary, whatever the cost,
to save this world that we call home,
so our children and theirs might not look back, both in shame and anger,
at what we, in denial, have failed to do. Amen.***