

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 9, 2022

THEME: SEASON OF CREATION – Comfort for Our World



“I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you” Exodus 3: 1-12

GATHERING

Prelude: “Let All Things Now Living Welsh Air
Raise Songs of Thanksgiving to God our Creator”

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Our Praise in Song: Hymn #627 “I Love You, Lord” (see download)

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Holy Spirit, you hovered over the deep at the dawn of creation. You fashioned time and space itself in the initial magnificent flaring forth.

People: You breathed life into all beings and you continue to dwell and work in all creation to sustain that life. Be with us now at this critical moment of our history.

Leader: Open our ears to the cry of the earth, suffering under the burdens we place upon it. Open our ears to the cries of our brothers and sisters living in the midst of extremes.

People: Give us a deeper awareness that we are part of all that you have made, that we are intimately connected to all that has been, all that is and all that will be.

Leader: In this hour of worship, grant us a spirit of awe and wonder as we contemplate the marvels of your creation, recognizing and giving thanks for your presence within and around us, for surely we walk on holy ground.

People: Give us a deep respect for all life and help us to renew our commitment to foster life wherever we are, for surely, we do indeed walk on holy ground!

Leader: May we live lives characterized by compassion and service and may we embody your love in our relationships with one another and with all Creation, for surely we are on holy ground!!

*Hymn: #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (see download)

Prayer of the Changing Season

Giver of life, from tiny seeds and parched earth Your gentle hand grows richest fruit. Reveal to us, Creator God, in the garden of plenty, the seeds that are within us. Moisten the soil that neglect on our part has made dry. We confess that alone we lack the vision of Your Kingdom. Alone, we fail to recognize the hungry in our midst, at times both the physical and the spiritual hunger. Alone, we lack the strength to fulfill Your purpose. With Your inspiring love, Redeemer of all, may the shoots of our potential break free. Use our hands, our voices and our spirits to toil in communion with You so that your garden of plenty can be shared by all. AMEN

***Response:** The Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem: “We Gather Together” arr. Auld

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12

Sermon “**Our Holy Ground**”

*Hymn: #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Redeeming Sustainer, you have visited us with strength and courage, that we may hurry to make gentle this bruised world, tame its savageness, and show compassion toward all including ourselves. In this spirit, we serve generously and faithfully. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Moment of Special Remembrance

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual, arr. Carter

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Harrison Ruhl

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