



First United

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING MUSIC

“Morning Has Broken”

Rick Moyer, Florie and Miriam Parmelee

WELCOME & FRAMING

*GATHERING WORDS

Based on *Psalms 148*

Litany Response: **Praise the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN

#20- *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Refrain:

***All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.***

***Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.***

***The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunsets, and the morning that brightens up the sky:***

***The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.***

***God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Giver of Life, over billions of years, your creation has been groaning with labor pangs while becoming more complex, more biodiverse, and more conscious. You tasked humankind with tending our planet; yet, your creation faces mass extinction due to humanity destroying whole ecosystems of delicately interdependent life. We confess that our carelessness, arrogance, and indifference have irreparably harmed our neighbors and our planet.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Give us courage and conviction that we who cause extinctions might also prevent them. Infuse us with a new sense

of belonging, and deliver us from our self-destructive ways. Help us to be agents of healing and restoration until the day when you redeem all of creation. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*RESPONSE TO GRACE

#37- *Let All Things Now Living* (vs. 1)

***Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!
And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Creatures We Love"
Rick Moyer, Florie and Miriam Parmelee

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Job 39:1-12, 26-30
Luke 12:22-31

MEDITATION

Rev. Marranda Major

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from *Earth Care Pledge*

We believe God's plan for all creation is peace and justice. We believe the earth and all creation belong to God. We believe that God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we believe that we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth. Therefore, our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.

*SERMON RESPONSE

"Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom"
(Tune: *Holy Manna*)

***Earth is full of wit and wisdom, sounding God's delighted laugh,
from the tiny roly-poly to the treetop-tall giraffe.
All creation sings in wonder; even rocks and trees rejoice
as they join the ringing chorus: echoes of our Maker's voice.***

***Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony.
Ev'ry creature has a purpose, ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.
Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make.***

***Earth is full of wit and wisdom: penguin, platypus, and snail,
cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae, from the microbe to the whale.
In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth
born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION

Adapted from *God's Good Earth in Crisis*

INVITATION

#507- *Come to the Table of Grace*

***Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace!***

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD

SANCTUS

Come to the table of love...

THANKSGIVING FOR CHRIST

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Come to the table of hope...

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.**

Come to the table of peace...

SHARING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***Go from the table with joy!
Go from the table with joy!
Thanks be to God that all have been fed,
Go from the table with joy!***

*CLOSING

“All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir”

Refrain:

***All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now

Listen to the top where the little bird sings
The melody with the high voice ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees

Well the dogs and the cats they take up the middle
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
The old coyote howls

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do
And old cow just goes 'moo'

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks and he's on his way
The 'possum don't have much to say
And the porcupine talks to herself***

*BLESSING OF THE MEAL

SENDING MUSIC

“Be Kind”

Florence Parmelee

Refrain:

***In a world where you can be anything, be kind!
Please use your gentle words if you don't mind
I hope your life is beautiful. I hope your life is fine.
In a world where you can be anything, be kind!***

Any furry, scaly, or feathered animal companions are welcomed to come forward for a special blessing!

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