

## September 28, 2025 + Season of Creation

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.*

### Call to Worship

In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things, who calls us to dwell in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**We gather in gratitude for God's creation, longing for justice and peace to abide in the land.**

Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ, who reconciles all things and leads us in the way of righteousness, so that the wilderness may become a fruitful field and the fruitful field be deemed a forest.

**We come to walk in the footsteps of Christ, seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.**

Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, who is poured out upon us, bringing renewal to the earth and restoring the harmony of Creation.

**We praise God, who revives the land and calls us to be peacemakers with all of Creation.**

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

**God of justice and peace, we gather in your presence, united with all living beings. We come in hope, in worship, and in commitment to live as caretakers of your world.**

May our prayers rise like incense, and our worship be a song of love for all Creation.

**We thank the Lord for giving life to all Creation! We thank God for our neighbors' life, human and non-human alike.**

As we gather, we share the hope and the sufferings of our sisters and brothers in the whole Creation. In communion with the waves of the sea, with the waves of the trees, we recite Psalm 139:14 together:

**"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We love you, God! Amen.**

### Opening Hymn "This Is My Father's World"

1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the

ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, **stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships—with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. Amen.**

### First Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

### Luke 16:19-31

Before: The holy Gospel . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Message

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### Hymn of the Day "God of the Sparrow"

1 God of the sparrow God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature say Woe  
How does the creature say Save

3 God of the rainbow God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

4 God of the hungry God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

5 God of the neighbor God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

#### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Offering & Giving Prayer**

**God of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who**

**are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

#### **Blessing**

Go in peace, brothers and sisters, live in peace with Creation. And may the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity accompany us: The Creator, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit ✠, the one God, to whom be glory, forever. **Amen.**

#### **Closing Hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life.  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

#### **Dismissal**

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