



CARE OF CREATION - Universe Sunday

October 16, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

We gather in the name of God:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures!

Praise be to the Holy Trinity!

God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life,
to whom the angels sing;

**Wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind,
and life that lives in all.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

vs. 1 and 2



1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved Maker,

we see how creation is harmed.

We hear how the vulnerable suffer.

We feel how the future is compromised.

And yet we choose to turn away.

(Silence for reflection)

God's love for us is without limits.

God's invitation to us is unending.

Surrounded by God's grace, we hear the call

to show our love for each other

and for the generations that follow us.

We will open our eyes to see, our hearts to care,

and our lives to shape a hopeful future.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creating Spirit, you sweep over our world even now, whispering change and promise into our lives. You flow through our days, inviting transformation. Bountiful Spirit, breathe your vision into us. Make us faithful caretakers of the beautiful earth of which we are a part. **Amen.**

READING

Creation

James Weldon Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cosmic Eye — Universe Size Comparison
designed by astrophysicist Danail Obreschkow

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it....The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a parent's only son, full of grace and truth.

Your Word, our light; your grace, our hope; your love, our life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

In all, with all, for all

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

vs. 1, 3, 4

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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COMMON PRAYER

**Infinite One, throughout the ages,
 you have brought forth light and life.
 All of the cosmos reflects your glory.
 Your love never ends.
 You knew us before we took our first breath.
 You walk beside us with every step.
 You invite us to receive grace upon grace.
 Your Word, made flesh, shared our life on earth,
 revealing how faith can be made manifest.
 You are healing and hope for all those in the shadow of fear.
 You call us now to walk in the same way.
 You are present in all that was, all that is, and all yet to come.
 You are the foundation for our living and our dreaming.
 Guide us through all the unexplored paths of our future. Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
 hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your beloved community of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

*This version of the Lord's Prayer is adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer
 He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, influenced by Maori theologians*

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN 24 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens vs. 1 and 4



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it



nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive



ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or



powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us



at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May the blessings of Creator's earth give you strength for each journey.

May the blessings of Creator's stars give you dreams for the future.

May the blessings of Creator's sky give you vision that is wider.

May the blessings of Creator's flowing waters give you gratitude

For the gifts that surround you. **Amen**

POSTLUDE

Some parts of this service are adapted from *Creation*,
 by Donald Schmidt with Sharon Harding and Keri Wehlander. Woodlake Publishing, Inc.

**Family movie opportunity
 on Friday, October 28th!**

Come for free pizza at 6 pm,
 stay for the family-themed
 Halloween movie *Coco*
 starting at 6:30. Please
 share the word and invite your friends.
 Sign-up is encouraged so that we can
 order pizza in advance.



Gage East will be hosting a "trunk or
 treat" event from **4:00-5:30 pm** (note time
 change) Tuesday October 25th. We can
 volunteer to open our trunk to trick-or-
 treaters, or participate in some simple kid
 friendly activities like a ring toss game/
 other carnival style games, or just dress up
 and enjoy the company of the residents! Let
 Mark Neville or Pastor Jan know!

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, October 16

9:30 am Worship Onsite and Online
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, October 17

1:00 pm Mission Prayer Group
6:00 pm Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, October 18

12:00 pm Conference Call *
12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

12:00 pm Newsletter items due
5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, October 23

9:30 am Worship Onsite and Online
10:45 am Book Discussion Group
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am
<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>
+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>
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Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski
Judy Robb's brother, Dan
Jennifer Hall

*To be added to the prayer list, please
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