



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

“Everything God created looks forward to the future, when the created world will be set free, and so we hope for what is not seen.” Romans 8:19, 21, 25

GATHERING

Prelude: “Psalm for Communion” Gordon Young

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, on this special Sunday, we give thanks for the faith we celebrate joined by others from around the world.

People: Through your Son, the Risen Christ, who has inspired us to gather in thanksgiving and praise, create us anew we pray.

Leader: Lord, may we have the courage to give expression to our faith with practical actions for the betterment of each other and your creation.

People: For the rejuvenation of our common home, grant us the wisdom and resolve that we need.

Leader: And the guidance and perseverance to endure. Lord hear us today, tomorrow, and always.

*Hymn: #393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Prayer of the Day

Creator of All, the world community is under much pressure, conflict, and stress yet it is the world You love and gave yourself for through Jesus the Christ. It is a world persistently at risk of annihilation of all that is good. Yet as darkness and death are all around us, so are the signs of renewal and regeneration. Often enough with hesitation and fear we look for that which is

new. You who proclaim a new day is coming, that You will make all things new both in heaven and earth, how we long for that day, pray for that day, live for that day! Whatever we face, keep hope alive within us and around us. On this World Communion Sunday, we lift up our vulnerable world which You love so much. May we love it as well and pledge our highest and best energies to the future You have in store, through Christ we pray, AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Meditation: “O Taste and See” (Psalm 34) Gordon Young

Scripture: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Sermon: “Integrity in a Suffering World”

Affirmation of Faith - From Laudato Si’, 236

Leader: The Eucharist is an act of cosmic love: yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country or small town church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world.

People: The Eucharist joins heaven and earth: it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to God in blessed and undivided adoration.

Leader: In the bread of the Eucharist, though divided and shared, creation is moved toward unification and crowned with God’s glory. In the pouring out of the cup, the suffering Christ moves us and all creation toward healing and peace.

Communion Hymn: #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

The Sacrament of Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we give in grateful thanksgiving for the world you have created and all that You have given us. As followers of Christ, we share a journey with all who live on this planet. Lead us to live, work and pray that our common home may teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to “renew the face of the earth.” In the upside down world of the gospel, help us to live generously and graciously, blessing your church, your people, and your creation. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #321 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “There’ll Be Joy on That Day” Gordon Young
(please remain seated)

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 Family this week: H. Michael & Alba Maria Ruhl

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory
of Charles and Nancy Landis given by their daughter
Mary Alice High

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