

**LIVE STREAMING LAY SERVICE**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2020**  
**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**P** We walk in wonder beneath the sun and stars. Creation is God's masterpiece and we are blessed to share it. We give thanks for the air, land, and the water, and for all creatures joined together in the web of life. Beauty is before us, around us, over, and beneath us. We join our hearts, minds, and spirits as one in thanks and awe.

**Litany of Repentance and Longing**

**P** In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep, new life daily unfolding at God's call. Darkness and light. Skies, lands, and seas. The earth and all that fills it – plants and rocks, the finned, the feathered, the furry. At last, humankind in God's image.

**C** **Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited the earth and its creatures.**

**P** Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation. We have misunderstood our calling to be protectors of God's creation.

**C** **Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited the earth and its creatures.**

**P** We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us.

**C** **Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.**

**P** May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures, deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving, so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things, in Jesus name.

## **GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P** Let us pray:

**P** Holy God, we thank you for the gift of life. We embrace our connectedness to all: to wind, sea and sky; to earthworm, giraffe, and chicken; to fish and puppy; to cats of the jungle and in our homes. Deepen our care for all that lives.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Isaiah 25:1-9

**GOSPEL** – Matthew 22:1-14

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      Now the Feast and Celebration

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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### OFFERING REMINDER

**OFFERTORY.**

Blessed Assurance

Faithful Ringers

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

L Let us pray.

L O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who  
sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the  
power, and the glory are  
yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

P God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **BLESSING**

**P** The grace of God, deeper than our imagination, the strength of Christ, stronger than our need, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

Sent Forth By Your Blessing

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## **DISMISSAL**

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**