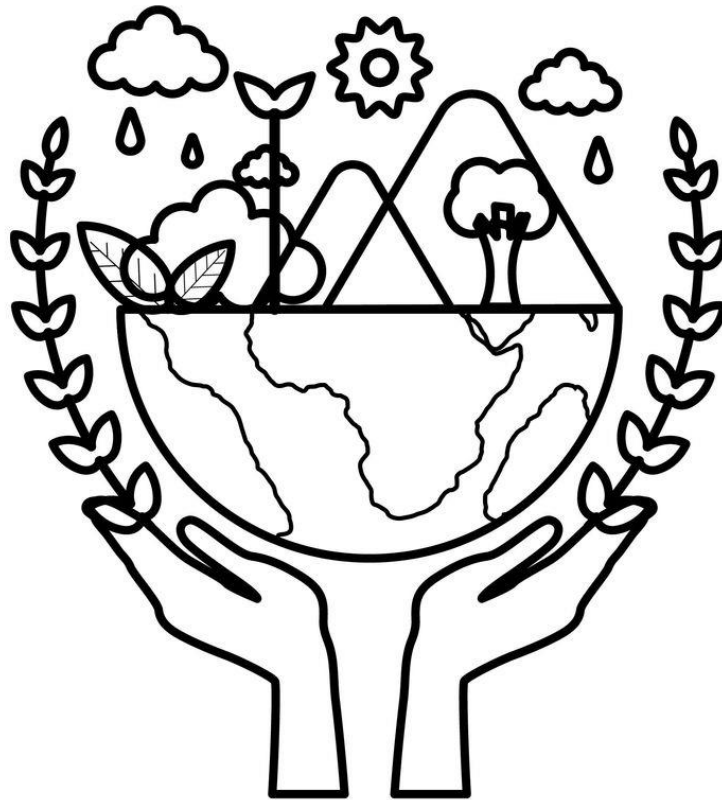


Creation Care Sunday
April 28, 2024
8am (*in person*) & 10am (*in person & on zoom*)



PEARL OF THE WEEK

The care of the earth is our most ancient and most worthy and, after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it, and to foster its renewal, is our only legitimate hope.

Wendell Berry

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn

(H) 412 (vs 1-3)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Benedicte Tongass: A Canticle for Southeast Alaska

(Words: Bonnie Demerjian, St Philip's, Wrangell)

Glorify your Maker, works of creation!

You sun and moon and clouds and winds,
constellations, curtains of shimmering light,
winter and summer, autumn and spring:
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, muskeg and shores,
snowdrift and avalanche, drizzle and ice,
coastland, estuary, glacier and berg:
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

You cedar and alder, hemlock and spruce,
blueberry, salmonberry, strawberry, rose:
skunk cabbage silently ushering spring;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

Fireweed and paintbrush, wildflowers bright,
mosses and lichen, mushroom and fern,
yard flower, wildflower, seeds ripe and full;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

You deer and moose, porcupine, mink,
black bear, brown bear, land otter too,
carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, all;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

Newt and frog and boreal toad,
black fly, bumblebee, mosquito and wasp,
you algae and mildew, beetle and worm;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

Eagle and raven, kingfisher, wren,
barred owl, robin, sparrow and finch,
gosling and trumpeter, mallard and loon;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

Orca and dolphin, humpback and seal,
salmon and halibut, herring and crab,
scallop and sea star, bull kelp and clam;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise.

Now immigrant, native, refugee, guest,
worker and student, people of God,
home dweller, traveler, seeker of dreams;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise!

Pioneers and elders, descendants and youth,
martyrs and saints of years gone away,
angels at watch over homeland and sea;
proclaim to your Maker your thanks and praise!

All is good. It is very, very good.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: *Called to be God's partners in the care of the planet*

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

****1st reading: Creation*** *A Congregational Reading*

(Liturgy for the Whole Church: Multigenerational Resources for Worship, by Susan K. Brock)

IN the beginning, on the first day, God created the heavens and the earth. God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. And God saw that it was good. ***Blessed be the God of light.***

In the beginning, on the second day, God created a dome to separate the waters from the waters. God called the dome sky, and saw that it was good. ***Blessed be the God of Waters and Sky.***

IN the beginning, on the third day, God gathered the waters together and let dry land appear. God spoke, and the earth brought forth every color of green, and God saw that it was good.
Blessed be the God of Green-Brown Earth.

In the beginning, on the fourth day, God created the sun, the moon and the stars, to separate day from night, to mark the seasons. And God saw that it was good.
Blessed be the God of the Heavens and of Time.

In the beginning, on the fifth day, God created all the living creatures of sea and sky, and blessed them, and called them good.

Blessed be the God of Wing and flight, of Soaring and Swimming.

In the beginning, on the sixth day, God created the animals of the earth, and made humankind in the image of God, and God saw that it was very good.

Blessed be the God of our Hearts, the God of Flesh and Souls and Loving.

In the beginning, on the seventh day, God created rest, and entered into a rest from all the work that had been done. And God saw that rest was very, very good, indeed.

Blessed be the God of Holy Rest and Play.

***Psalm 33: 3-9; 13-15 (read responsively at the whole verse)**

3 Sing for God a new song; *sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 ***For your word, O God, is right, *and all your works are sure.***

5 You love righteousness and justice; *your loving-kindness fills the whole earth.

6 ***By your word, O God, were the heavens made, * by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.***

7 You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *and store up the depths of the sea.

8 ***Let all the earth fear you; *let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of you.***

9 For you spoke, and it came to pass; *you commanded, and it stood fast.

13 ***You look down from heaven, *and behold all the people in the world.***

14 From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze *on all who dwell on the earth.

15 ***You fashion all the hearts of them *and understand all their works.***

****Sequence Hymn****

(H) 178 (vs 1 & 2)

The Gospel: Mark 16: 14-15

Later Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table, and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

The Sermon

***A Creation Care Creed: We Believe** - (Dorothy McRae-McMahan, *Uniting Church in Australia*)

We believe in God the Creator, who reminds us, in the dawning of every new day, that new life is possible. We believe in the wonder and grandeur of a universe where the whole of life is called to live in harmony of care.

ALL: THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe in Jesus Christ, who prayed in mountains of peace, and brought us the Word in mustard seeds of faith and fig trees of blessing, whose footsteps touched the earth in love and who invites us to follow.

ALL: THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom often lies embedded in ancient peoples. They trod lightly across deserts and lived gently among plants and creatures. They reached respectfully for the mystery, which is God-with-us, the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

ALL: THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe in the everlasting hope, the great calling of the people of God, the church, for the transforming of all things, which is possible in God.

ALL: THIS WE BELIEVE. AMEN

***The Prayers of the People** (from the 78th general convention)

Intercessor

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

ALL

In the beginning, God was.

Here and now, God is.

In the future, God will be.

Intercessor

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. *Silence*
God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence*
God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. *Silence*
God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially]. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially]. *Silence* God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Additional prayers, intercession, thanksgivings

Prayers for the Universal Church

*Pray for the Church of Bangladesh

*St James the Fisherman, Kodiak, AK

*Our companion congregations of Epiphany Church in Kivalina & St. Philip's in Wrangell

*In our parish: Lisa, Dave, Fay, Becky, Dorothy

Closing Collect at the Prayers: (BCP) 840

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for *future generations*. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Offertory Sentence & *Hymn*

(H) 405

The church is open daily to stop in for quiet reflection and prayer...

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching our Worship 1)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, hurt one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

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, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the people of God....

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing

****Communion Hymns:***

(LEVS II) 69 ; (LEVS II) 76

Closing Prayer: For stewardship of creation (BCP) 259

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Benediction/Blessing

REVELATION AND ADORATION

46 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night;
 3. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child;
 4. For Thy church that ev - er - more lifts her ho - ly hands a - bove,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, pleas - ures pure and un - de - filed:
 of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love:



Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
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5. For the joy of ear and eye,
 for the heart and mind's delight,
 for the mystic harmony
 linking sense and sound and sight:
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For Thyself, best gift divine,
 to our world so freely giv'n;
 for that great, great love of Thine,
 peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Those Serving Today – 8am

Acolyte	Steve Gage
1 st reading: Creation	Steve Gage
Psalm 33:3-9; 13-15	Caroline Crenna
Deacon	The Rev Glenda Quintana
Celebrant	The Rev Julie Platson

Those Serving Today – 10am

Acolyte	Mari Fuijoka
1 st reading Creation	Cheri Hample
Psalm 33:3-9; 13-15	Marg Parsons
Prayers of the People	Kit Allgood-Mellema/Kathryn
Deacon	The Rev Kathryn Snelling
Celebrant	The Rev Julie Platson

Announcements

Sunday services

*8:00am (in person) & 10am (in person/& on zoom)

*April 28: Sunday School today @ 10am

Mondays @ 11am: Creation Care Conversations (April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20) *on zoom*

Wednesdays @12pm: Noonday Prayer Service (*on zoom*)

Save the dates: May 17 & May 18 - Church Rummage Sale for Outreach

***Summer Sunday service time change: Begins June 2**

One weekly service at 9am (in person/& zoom)

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