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Second Sunday of Creation

Quilt Sunday



God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Brief Litany for Creation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Glory to you, O God, you speak your Word, and so you create the world. We praise you, O God:

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, for sun and moon and stars, we exalt you, O God:

C: We exalt you, O God.

P: For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, with all their life, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God:

C: We magnify you, O God.

P: For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all live-stock, and for everything that creeps on the earth, and for mankind made in your image, we adore you, O God:

C: We adore you, O God.

P: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor and power and might, be to you, our God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Our Father, We Have Wandered* ELW # 606

* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

A: In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

C: Amen. Amen.

Refrain: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
Enter in with singing.
Join the festival of Love.
Alleluias ringing.

A: Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

* God of Love, Have Mercy

A: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy. God of love have mercy.

A: For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

C: Amen.

* Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
(Men): Glory to God
(All): Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to God above.
Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are God's.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

A: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor, glory and praise be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 50:15-21*

L: A reading from Genesis.

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It
may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we
did to him.” 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father
gave this command before he died: 17 ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive
the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to
you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the
God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His broth-
ers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your
servants.” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place
of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for
good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they
are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.”
Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *103:1-13*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 103.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 **Bless the LORD, O my soul,**
and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

4 **who redeems your life from the pit,**
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 **The LORD works righteousness**
and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

8 **The LORD is merciful and gracious,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 **He does not deal with us according to our sins,**
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 **as far as the east is from the west,**
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 14:1-12*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

14 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

[5] One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. [6] The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. [7] For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. [8] For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. [9] For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

[10] Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; [11] for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

[12] So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

[21] Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" [22] Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

[23] "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. [24] When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. [25] And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. [26] So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' [27] And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. [28] But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' [29] So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' [30] He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. [31] When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. [32] Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33] And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' [34] And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. [35] So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Where Charity and Love Prevail*** **ELW # 359**

* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom 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,
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.**

Choir Anthem *Canon of Love*

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

L: We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy, Leta Toelke and Pr. Paul Carlson.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

C: 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.

Blessings

Blessing of Quilts

written by Joci Post, adapted

Please lay hands on the quilts

P: We thank you, Lord, for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us, and now ask you to bless the work of our hands, that it might become a blessing to others.

Lord, we know that these quilts alone are only ordinary things, but through your power and love they become extraordinary. Bless these gifts we lay before you, that they would not be from our own hearts and hands but from yours.

Let each quilt be your unfailing arms of comfort and your trusted means of hope; assurance to those who despair, and light to those who live in darkness.

Transform us, Creator, from idle beings into those who do your work. Help us to recognize our own limitations and acknowledge our need for your strength.

Blessing of Congregation

P: Creator God bless you and keep you. Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy. Creative Spirit nourish you and give you ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

*** Hymn** ***Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*** **ELW # 452**

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Men's Group

Saturday September 26th at 4:30pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am.

Come enjoy a morning of fellowship and quilting, Everyone welcome.

Attendance - August 30th
In-person 25, Online - 335