

Order of Worship
Sunday, January 17, 2021
10:00 a.m. Online

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Prelude and Lighting of Candles *Let All Things Now Living* (setting by L. Larson) Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Creator, creating God, by your Word you created a creation full of wonders.
Through your Spirit you breathed into us the breath of life.
Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips.
May the praise that is sung in heaven echo in the heart of every creature on earth,
to the glory of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this day and forevermore.

Opening Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* (UMH 62; vs. 1,2 3, 5)

Creed for Creation

We believe and trust in God, all-powerful Creator and Sustainer
who fashions the heavens and the earth and all that is in them
who calls us to partnership in caring for his world
who provides in abundance all that is needed for the whole of creation to thrive
who restores what is broken and retrieves what is lost
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ
who was born like us, sharing our humanity with its joy and its pain
who lived an earthly life, affirming and celebrating the goodness of the physical world
who used the natural world to teach us of God's kingdom.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who breathes life and purpose into all living things
who inspires and guides all people of God throughout the ages
who calls us to join in the work of sustaining and renewing the earth
who transforms our hearts and minds, empowering us to be faithful stewards
We commit ourselves to live day by day in the light of these beliefs,
cherishing the earth and laboring for its healing and renewing,
in loving obedience to God, following the example of Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Children's Chat

Special Music *How Great Thou Art* (S. Hine) Ed Holmes, soloist

Scripture Genesis 1:26-31

Sermon Putting Feet to Faith: Our Natural World Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Closing Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* (UMH 152)

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, share with us your heart for creation.
That we may cherish all life, working together to heal the damage we have done.
Knowing that in all our struggles you are beside us,
to inspire, strengthen and transform us. Amen

Postlude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (setting by M. Limbaugh)