

# Creation Time – The Tapestry of Life

## World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

Welcoming

M&S Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Announcements

Centring Music: Fairest Lord Jesus, Crusader's Hymn,  
Schleiche Volkslieder

*arranged by Becki Slagle Mayo*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Grant, O God,  
that the brightness  
of the presence of Christ  
may shine in our hearts and our lives. Amen.

### **Opening Hymn: O God beyond All Praising** (Voices United 256)

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- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.

- 3 Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.  
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### Opening Prayer

With water and light, you created all things, O God.  
Pour down on your creation the water that gives new life.  
Stream down on all places the light that gives growth.

With bread and wine, you remind us that we are always yours, O God.  
Fill all who are hungry with the bread that gives new life.  
Fall all who are thirsty with the wine of Christ's love.

Alleluia! Let it be!  
In this place.  
In all places.  
Let us be!  
Alleluia! Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Music: Stephen C. Warner; acc. by Karen Schnieder Kimer,*

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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 the kingdom, the pow'r  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever, now and forever.

## A Time to Wonder

### Hymn: You Are Holy (More Voices 45)

*Words and Music: traditional song, South Africa*

*English paraphrase and arrangement: More Voices, 2007*

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You are holy, you show us the way,  
you are holy, you show us the way.  
You show us, you show us,  
you show us the way.  
you show us, you show us,  
you show us the way.  
You show us, you show us,  
you show us the way,  
you show us, you show us,  
you show us the way.

### Scripture Readings

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

### Reflection

### Hymn: Walk with Me (Voices United 649)

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*Refrain*      Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.

- 1      When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
to set my people free.' *Refrain*

- 2      Now Peter was a most unlikely  
man to lead the flock;  
but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. *Refrain*

- 3      Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. *Refrain*

- 4      And when you share your faith with me  
and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. *Refrain*

### Offering Prayer

Provider of Goodness,

**you have given us each a portion of bread  
and a cup to nourish our souls.**

Giver of Blessings,

**you have set us here in a sacred time  
and we delight in your blessings.**

Compassionate Counsellor,

**you have instructed us to see your mission as an example before us.**

In gratitude, we open the social boundaries  
that divide us from each other.

**We dedicate our time, talent and resources  
to your vision of loving others.**

May our offerings bring vitality  
to the church's mission of inclusive love.

**May that love bring justice and healing. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

**Prayer Introit: Come and Fill Our Hearts (More Voices 16)**

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
Alleluia!

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Anthem: Come to the Banquet

*Words and Music by Joseph Martin*

Sacrament of Communion

**Parting Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Voices United 481)**

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*Music: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Bernhard Sateren 1972*

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1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

Benediction

May the incredible love of God grant you joy,  
the tender wonder of Jesus Christ fill you with peace,  
and the beautiful mirth of the Holy Spirit surround you with delight,  
today and every day. Amen.

Postlude: Let Us Talents and Tongues, Jamaican folk tune

*adapted by Doreen Potter, setting by John a Behnke*

Worship Leaders – Pastors Beth Parsons and Pastor Nancy Walker

Music Leader: Sharon Prindle-Collins

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reading – Peter Gray

Greeters – Adele Heckman, Alex and Izzy Hiem

Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat

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in celebration of the life of her husband, Dave.