

Creation Time 3 in the Season of Pentecost

(18th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 26, 2021

Prelude *James Yi*

Welcoming and Announcements *John MacLeod*

*Flowers for the service are offered by Christine Smith
to celebrate the life on her husband Dave.*

Lighting the Christ Candle *Nancy Walker*

In a world that can be chaotic and frightening; in a world where the way is uncertain, may the light of Christ show us the way.

Introit: And on This Path (More Voices 8)

James Yi, Margaret Bates and Blyth Hughes

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- 1 And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide
The gates are open wide!
- 2 So enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

Call to Worship *Nancy*

To be a church family is a blessing.

To encourage and care for one another is a joy.

To work together for the common good of all people and all creation is our calling.

We gather as followers of the Way of Jesus,

as those inspired by the Spirit of God, to worship and pray.

Let us worship as the body of Christ.

Opening Hymn: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

(More Voices 30, vs. 1 & 4)

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- 1 It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
- 4 It's a chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Opening Prayer *Nancy*

O Holy One, as we gather virtually, we pause in reverence of your presence amongst us this day.

We long to feel your loving touch move within us, shaping our spirits toward your purpose as one community in Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Nancy*

Scripture Readings *John MacLeod*

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Esther 7:1-4

Christian Scripture (New Testament): James 5:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-41

Special Music *James Yi*

Reflection: The Divine Heretic

Prayer Introit: O God We Call (Voices United 411)

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O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you. *Repeat.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Closing Hymn: In Loving Partnership We Come

(Voices United 603, Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

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- 1 In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

Sending Forth: *Nancy*

Let us go forth in peace:

embracing simple, quiet pleasures,

rested, revived, and renewed,

gathering our cares and sorrows,

so intertwined with our joys,

and weaving them together in the cloak of God's love,

which comforts us and soothes our spirits

so that we might bless others on this peaceful day and every day.

Amen.

Postlude *James Yi*