

Season of Proper
June 16, 2024
Fathering Sunday

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music (Chime Choir) Sonata No. 1 by John C. Dare

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **Creator God You Gave Us Life**
(More Voices 27)

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- 1 Creator God you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.
- 2 In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. *Refrain*
- 3 When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings Mark 4: 26-34

Reflection "Harvest of the Heart"

Hymn of the Day **Each Blade of Grass** (More Voices 37)

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- 1 Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,
make full the circle of God.
Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye,
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,
make full the circle of God.
- 2 Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,
the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb,
make full the circle of God.
Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry out-stretched hand,
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,
make full the circle of God.
- 3 Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell,
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,
make full the circle of God.
Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way,
all form the beauty of this vast array,
making full the circle of God.

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response **What Can I Do?** (More Voices 191)

Please stand in body or spirit.

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share. *(Repeat)*

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Soil of God, You and I** (More Voices 174)

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1 Soil of God, you and I,
stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished
by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone
for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...
Holy ground.

2 Soil of God, you and I,
now ready to be
part of God's promise,
for others to see.
Open to everyone
for here God is found..
All stand together, we are ...
Holy ground.

3 Soil of God, you and I,
now called to rebirth,
joining as partners
with all of the earth.
Living in harmony
for here God is found.
All stand together, this is...
Holy ground.

Benediction

Postlude Joy, Joyful Joy

by Robert W. Thygeron

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle Collins
Chime Choir – led by Margaret Chambers
Worship Chair and Welcome - Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Bill and Clare Walker
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis and Marcia Goodwin
Scripture Reading – Bill Samis
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Flowers are offered by Ruth Schulz.