



# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 22, 2022  
Creation Stewardship Sunday  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord**

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### We Gather as God's People

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

#### PRELUDE

Theme from Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38

Frederic Chopin

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8, selected verses

Lorrie Basnight, liturgist

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

**O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

#### \*HYMN #32

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

“The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.” (Proverbs 3: 19-20) Let us confess the ways in which we subvert God's intentions for creation. And let us consider together the ways in which we destroy the goodness of God's earth while pursuing our own selfish agendas.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison; A Prayer of a Native American)

**O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us as we pray. We are small and weak. We need your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes to ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make our hands respect the things you have made. Make our ears sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise so that we may understand the things you have taught us. Let us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. We seek strength, not to be greater than another, but to fight our greatest enemy – ourselves. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Hear now our individual confessions in the silence of this moment.**

*(silent prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!**

**Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!**

## We Share God's Word

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Job 12: 7-10**

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

**Who among these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.**

**Genesis 1**

### SERMON

**"Creation Care"**

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

## We Respond to God's Word

### ANTHEM

Psalm 24 - A Psalm of Creation

Heather Sorensen

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**from A Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

### THE OFFERING

**Offertory**

Sonatina Op 36, No 2. 2. Allegretto

M. Clementi

**\*Hymn of Dedication No. 606**

**Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**We Go Forth As God's People**

\*HYMN #22

God of the Sparrow

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #549

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.  
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.  
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Mouvements Perpetueles 3. Alerte

F. Poulenc

*(The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.)*

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\*You are invited to stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available on the credenza in the narthex or from an usher.

**Worship Leadership** Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Lorrie Basnight, Liturgist  
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Carla Smith, Kelly McLean  
Audio/video: John Daugherty, Chris Dennis Worship Ministry Co-Chairs: Christina Brizendine, Joanne Lang

Join us for coffee and fellowship on Sundays in the fellowship hall from 9:45 – 10:45, before worship.