

Worship Leader Edition
Rally Sunday

Creation – God Created the Beloved Community

September 19, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

Screen

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as you love us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

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Verse 1

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Verse 2

Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev’ry morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lam of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

L: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}*

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *{Pulpit}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Marvelous God's Greatness"
Verse 1 – Choir; Verses 2, 3 & 4 - All

ELW #830

Verse 1

How marvelous God's greatness,
How glorious God's might!
To this the world bears witness
In wonders day and night:
In form of flow'r and snowflake,
In morn's resplendent birth,
In after-glow at evening,
In sky and sea and earth.

Verse 3

The ocean's vast abysses
In one grand psalm record
The deep mysterious counsels
And mercies of the Lord;
The icy waves of winter
Are thund'ring on the strand;
And grief's chill stream is guided
By God's all gracious hand.

Verse 2

Each tiny flo'ret whispers
The great life-giver's name;
The mighty mountain masses
His majesty proclaim;
The valleys deep are hymning
God's shelter for his own;
The snow-capped peaks are pointing
To God's almighty throne.

Verse 4

The starry hosts are singing
Through all the light-strewn sky
Of God's majestic temple
And palace courts on high;
When in these outer chambers
Such glory gilds the night,
Oh, what transcendent brightness
Is God's eternal light!

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Behind the Altar}* (Rob)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Pastor Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Pastor Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor Rob*)

C: 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Jubilate Deo"
St. Luke's Choir

Michael Praetorius

Please stand as you are able.

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

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+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

COMMISSIONING OF CHOIR DIRECTOR – Bernie Asher *{Front Center}* (Pastor Rob)

+BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (Pastor Rob)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

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Verse 1

Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the creator
Triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on
To the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth
In the night,
Till shadow have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel
From light into light.

Verse 2

God rules all the forces:
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit
Obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean
Proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration
A song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise!”

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE