



CREATION AT REDEEMER

CREATION SEASON I -MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Aria” – Flor Peters

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (NCH 43)

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav’n to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown,
Jesus, you are all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love you are,
Visit us with your salvation,
enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find your promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all your life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
Love you as your angels love;
pray, and praise for your unfailing,
Wounded arms outstretched above.

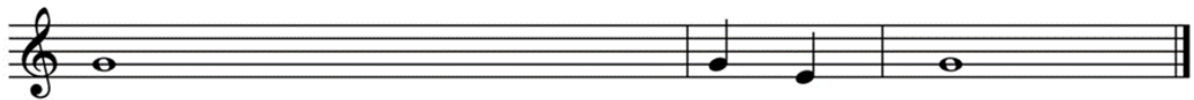
Finish, then, your new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav’n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

COLLECT

God of all wisdom and vision, guide Redeemer as we discern new directions and pursue the creation of your realm here. Grant that we will be open to your guidance in searching for a new priest and choosing our future. Thank you for our heritage and help us discern your new vision for our community as we continue welcoming

all, learning and doing in new ways, and walking in justice as God's love in the world.
Amen.

GREETING Soloist



Bless-ed - be God, Cre - a - tor of all the universe.

The soloist sings first and then the congregation responds,



Earth's crammed with heav - en and



ev - ry liv - ing thing a - fire with God.

Be a gardener. Dig a ditch, toil and sweat.

And turn the earth upside down.

Seek the deepness and water the plants in time.

Continue this labor and make sweet water to run; and noble and abundant fruits to spring.

HYMN OF PRAISE



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and__ small,



All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them__ all. Each



lit - tle flow'r that__ o - pens, each lit - tle bird__ that sings, God__



made their glow-ing__ col - ors, and__ made their ti - ny__ wings.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Ever-creating Presence, ceaselessly at work through the groaning of the universe, transform the body of this earth, that it might shine with your glory, reflected in the love of the Risen One, in whose Spirit we pray. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus (12:1-14)

After the reading the reader says,

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

The people respond

Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT IN CREATION

THE SECOND READING

Our contemporary reading Canticle to the Sun, Francis of Assisi

After the reading the reader says,

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

REFLECTION

THE CREED

The image displays three staves of musical notation for the Creed. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a time signature of 3/4. The first staff has a '4' above the first measure, indicating a four-measure rest. The second and third staves have a '3' above their first measures, indicating a three-measure rest. The lyrics 'Je - sus lives on. We are the bo - dy of Christ.' are written below each staff. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the

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OFFERTORY

“Canticle to the Sun, Francis of Assisi” – Mark Hayes
Krista Donough, soprano, and Chris Henke, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Mother, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN An Eagle is Soaring - *Sung Twice*
ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D ("Let All Things Now Living")

An eagle is soaring and turning and diving;
It stretches its wings to the currents of air.
It gracefully moves without effort or striving;
The updrafts will carry its flight anywhere.
How hard, Lord, we struggle and work for your blessing;
May we see your grace in the eagle above.
For you will renew us when we wait and listen,
And you will uphold us in strength and in love.

Tune: Traditional Welsh melody ("Let All Things Now Living")
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

VESTRY NOTES – SEPTEMBER 6TH 2026

Welcome to the Season of Creation! Creation Season as we know it began in 1990 as a dream of our rector, Phillip Wilson. Phillip envisioned a time set aside to focus on creation and our responsibilities to her. Taken directly from Eucharistic prayer C in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer), "At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home." He wanted to honor this earth and all her inhabitants and speak to our need to be good stewards of our planet. By extension, he envisioned a time to focus on being good stewards of Redeemer and all she stands for; the care of creation, full inclusion of everyone at the table, opening our doors to the least, the last and the lonely, walking in love, spreading the word, feeding the hungry and so much more.



The hangings and vestments reflect that vision as the altar shows earth suspended in space as seen from the moon. St. Francis' story is told in the pulpit and lectern hangings... A swallow flies above his head. One of the many stories of him tells of a time he entered a village to share the word only he could not be heard because of all the chattering of the swallows flying through the square. It is written Francis turned his eyes upward and said, "my brothers and sisters, it is my turn to be heard". With that, the swallows all became quiet. He is shown with the wolf of Gubbio. The story is told of how the people of Gubbio lived in fear of the wolf who had been taking their livestock and could not be stopped. The villagers led St. Francis into the woods and showed him the wolf's lair. From behind trees, they watched as Francis called out Brother Wolf and explained to him he needed to live in peace with the people of Gubbio. Francis led the wolf back into town and told the people the wolf would no longer take their livestock. In return, the people were to feed him and to show he meant it, the wolf placed his paw in Francis' hand. It is written that from that day forward, the wolf would come to their doors and be fed. The wolf protected the town from all harm and when he died, it is said the people of Gubbio missed him very much. The many birds are from his "sermon to the birds". One day, while out with his brothers, he stopped and looked up into the trees and told the birds how much they were loved by God; how their every

need was provided and how it was their job to always sing God's praises. When he finished, the birds took to the sky and sang. He was known for his Canticle to the Sun, "we praise God through all of creation — Brother Sun, Sister Moon and the Stars..." And so it is, the sun and the moon are present. The lamb is dressed in the same cloth as Francis is. He would rescue lambs from slaughter and take them to Sr. Clare who would make him garments from the wool.

Be sure to join us on September 20th as together, we create Redeemer anew! How exciting!!!

Colleen Hintz for the Vestry

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

***Parish Picnic:** Join us on **Sunday, September 20th** for our parish picnic.

Be a part of...

- Dreaming dreams.
- Sharing hopes.
- Sharing stories.

Join us! As we envision what our future holds and we prepare to call our next Priest!

The service begins at **10:30 a.m.**, with the picnic to follow.

Redeemer will provide the sandwiches. Can you bring the sides?

Something like coleslaw, potato salad, fruit, or dessert.

And something to drink? Water, soda, etc.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Or you can email the office.

*** The Serendipity Stitchers** welcome you. 1st and 3rd **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

9/15. Our gatherings are full of laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of good company. No experience necessary. Please get in touch with Veronica for more information.

*** The Book Group meets online at 7pm:**

9/28 - THE BOOK THIEF - Markus Zusak - Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

10/26 - THE COUNTRY PEOPLE - Daniel Mason

Please support your local bookshop and Redeemer by ordering from our online Bookshop. <https://bookshop.org/shop/Redeemer>

***Earth Ministry & Environmental Sustainability** Huge natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, and wildfires can bring up intense feelings. There is so much grief, shock, overwhelm, and questioning of our home planet, whether we are physically involved in it or see it on the news. It is important to acknowledge these feelings, including feeling our small place in the world. The Earth is alive and shifting, and even the magnetic poles shift and move. Even with this happening, there are forces that can create some "natural disasters," which will make people get off the land and live in other situations. It is important to consider the many aspects of these events, including financial and engineered causes, to offer help when we can, pray for all those affected, and be aware of these complicated situations. If you would like to talk about this, let Peg know. Educate yourself:



- NPR on Climate change and floods: <https://tinyurl.com/ynfcjbv6>
- The complicated situation of power needs at the Chinese-Nepalese border communities: <https://tinyurl.com/32dfv4ny>
- Magnetic poles <https://tinyurl.com/bdzmta89>
- Local perspective: <https://tinyurl.com/54ymc9ak>
- Insightful: <https://tinyurl.com/mrk8um43>

Garden of Hope: We are growing, harvesting, and donating! We continue to be grateful that we have the time, talent, treasure, and abilities to follow the teachings of Jesus and have a Food Security Ministry where we can grow fresh veggies for our local siblings who need them. We have a delightful place in creation in our church backyard. Thank you for the compost, and keep it coming! on Sundays.

Keep updated with all that is going on at Redeemer

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