



CREATION AT REDEEMER

CREATION SEASON III -MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

HYMN O God, You Have the Power

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

1 O God, you have the power to bring back what is yours —
to bring life's joy and wonder to toxic, lifeless shores.
Where earth has been depleted, where nothing seems to grow,
we've seen you cleanse and nurture till blessings overflow.

Ezekiel had a vision of hopeful signs like these —
of waters bringing healing — and fish, and plants, and trees.
He dreamed of Living Water that flowed at your command —
that spread out like a river upon your thirsty land.

When we pollute your rivers and drain your wetlands dry,
when we cause harm to waters, we see creation cry.
And yet Ezekiel's vision reminds us once again:
Your will is restoration. Your waters sing, "Amen!"

O God, in your creation, we see your strength and care.
Clean water is a blessing! May this become our prayer:
Your will is restoration. You seek to make things new.
Give us new dedication to heal the earth with you.

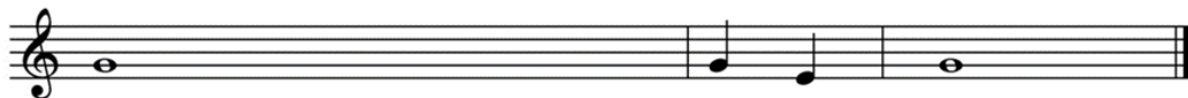
Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")

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A COLLECT FOR DISCERNMENT

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,



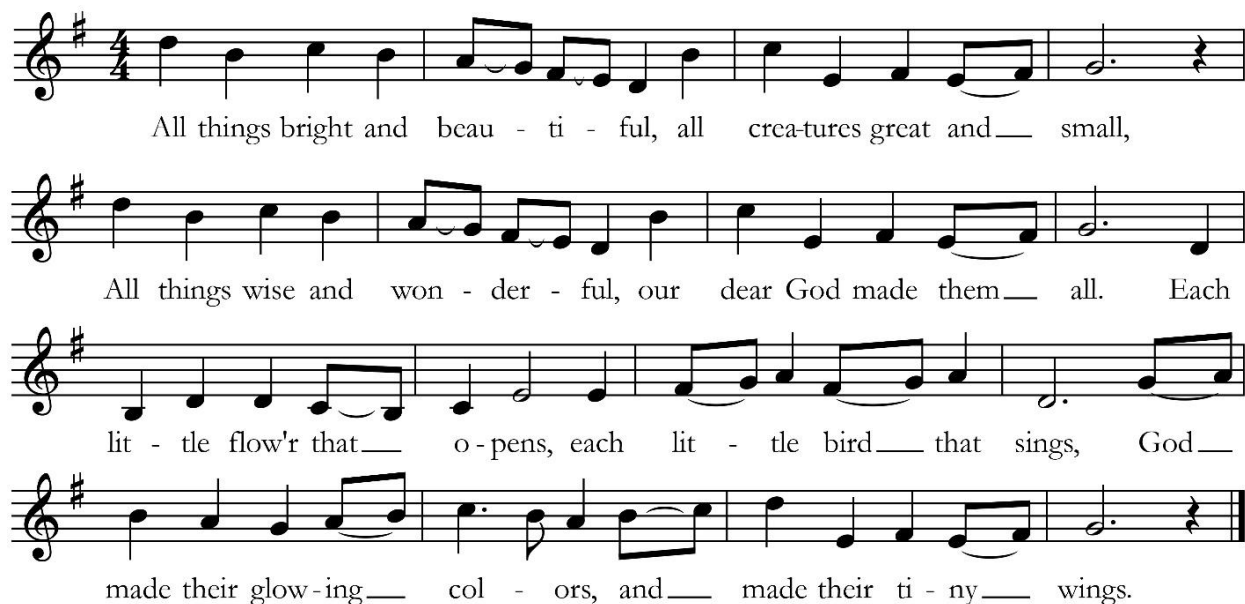
Be a gardener. Dig a ditch, toil and sweat.

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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Generous God, whose gift defies the balance sheet of ownership and just reward: free our hearts and minds from the envy which enslaves us; shape our live to show your self-forgetting love; through Jesus our Christ, the free gift of grace. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

A reading from “A Canticle of Redeemer”

Oh God of life and death, open our eyes and hearts to the knowledge that WE are the living waters. Help us open the doors of Redeemer in imaginative ways, welcoming ways, ways that invite all in. New doors that allow members near and far, strangers searching, friends on

a quest, all to experience the joy of celebrating love and doing justice in the glorious, unlimited ways known to Redeemer. Help us become a beacon of hope that shines far beyond Morristown as we create what it means to be church in new, far-reaching ways. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, Paul, Sojourner, Harriet, Bishop Tutu, and all the saints take us to new horizons of hope and being. Amen.

*After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.*

The people respond
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 (*Celebrant and the People in Unison*)

**I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is God and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
God is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (20:1-16)

*After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.*

A MOMENT IN CREATION - Video

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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 work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. God of mercy, God of peace, hear our prayer.

Leader The steadfast love of God never ceases: morning, noon or night.

With open hearts and minds, let us pray with confidence, knowing that God hears our prayers, rejoices with us, weeps with us and heals our brokenness.

The leader will leave a period of time during which people may speak their concerns and thanksgivings, or share them in the chat.

We now pray the specific concerns of this parish family...

Also, we pray our thanksgivings...

In the face of racial injustice, flood and famine, storms and wildfires, dying reefs and invasive species, we reflect and pray.

We acknowledge our part in the destruction of the earth, and the oppression of humanity, and we hold these heavily in our hearts.

Forgive us for our denial, apathy and mindless consumption, and call us to live simply and walk humbly within creation;

Loving Creator God, forgive us.

Call us to practice wise and respectful stewardship of this planet that we leave to future generations;

Loving Creator God, change our hearts.

Give us humility, compassion and courage as we look to the future in new ways, seeing all creation as a reflection of God;

Loving Creator God, give us new vision.

Show us how to welcome the stranger displaced by climate crises;

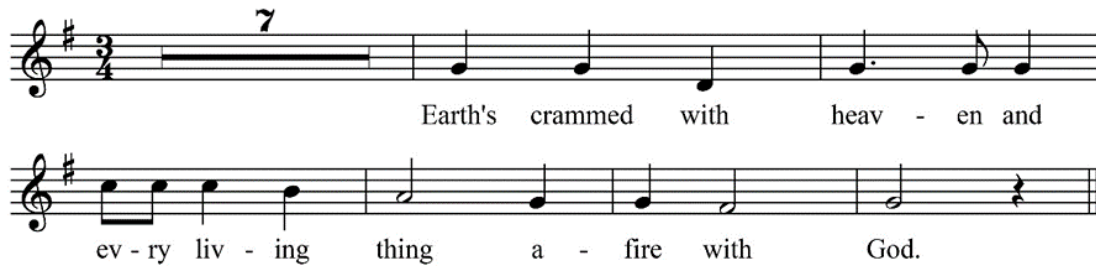
Loving Creator God, show us the way.

We rejoice in the ever-evolving beauty, complexity, and power of your creation and hear your call to act as the formed-out-of-Earth children of God that we are;

We thank you for calling us into a new relationship with you, our neighbors, and all creation.

Silence will be kept for a time.

Remind us that when the journey of life in the world is complete, we take with us only what we have built inside ourselves: treasures of the heart, love and integrity, friendship and generosity. We pray for these in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



OFFERTORY

"Along The Salmon" – Bob Leon
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 God of Love, You Formed Creation

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

God of love, you formed creation; you made everything with care.
Then you told us: "Have dominion; tend the land and sea and air."
We are helpers in your garden — called to love and plant and till.
Yet it seems we are replacing things of life with things that kill.

God, you call us to be stewards as we labor and invent.
We are grateful for the plastics that we see as heaven-sent.
There are things that truly save us — like syringes and IV's.
In a world that's filled with plastic, we are grateful, God, for these.

Yet, it's often for convenience that we make the world a mess.
We confess our own resistance to the better things that bless.
For our water comes in bottles that we use and throw away.
We have made a pile of troubles that grows bigger every day.

God of love, you formed creation, making everything with care;
There is much we could be doing for the land and sea and air.
We are thankful for your garden! May we show it in our lives:
May we care for what you've given till your whole creation thrives.

Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

VESTRY NOTES – SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026

The final piece of the Creation Set not yet spoken of is the stole. Unseen, at the neck is the cross from the Chapel of St. Damian. It was there that St. Francis heard the call to "fix God's church". Initially, he took that call literally and fixed the chapel. But, as time went on, he realized it was to fix the wider church and his true ministry began. On the left, you will see the Jack-in-the-Pulpit in full seed with the roots growing beneath the surface. The chipmunk rests; it will sleep and wake at regular intervals throughout the winter. Above, the mockingbird dines on the berries as it mocks how it is we humans treat creation and calls us to do better. On the right side, is the Milkweed Pod going to seed and you can see the seeds blowing off above. The milkweed pod is essential to the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. Beneath its roots is the vole, always tunneling throughout the year.



As we prepare for what is next in the season of Redeemer, today is THE DAY!!! Please join us after service for food and fellowship as, together, we learn about where Redeemer will take us. The following questions will be at each table. If you are unable to join us, please return your responses to either the office or clhintz@aol.com so your voice can be heard.

What about our worship excites you?
Challenges you?
Opens your eyes and hearts?
Can you name any specifics...
Is there one liturgical season and/or one special service that stands out for you? If so, how and why?
Is there anything you would change about our worship?

As we move into the future, what do you see as the needs of the community that Redeemer can engage in?
Are there groups in need of space?
How might we utilize our location to the advantage of the community?

Might we broaden our relationship with the Egan House, Zen Bowl or other existing ministries?

Given the changing times and declining attendance in many churches how might Redeemer address that?

Additionally, the Vestry will ask everyone to please let us know which of the four ministry skills you see as most important for our new Priest to possess. It is a form provided by "The Vocation Hub Ministry" of the National Church and is attached for those wanting to look at it prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please take the time to complete it so we can get everyone's input... please!

Colleen Hintz for the Vestry

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

***Parish Picnic:** Join us today **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 Serendipity Stitchers** welcome you. 1st and 3rd **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

Our gatherings are full of laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of good company. No experience necessary. Please get in touch with Veronica <mailto:verser1203@gmail.com> 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>

PARISH PICNIC

JOIN US!
**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20**

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- 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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