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Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Prelude to Worship

"This Pretty Planet"

Mary Beth Boucher

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Invitation to Worship

Judy Nickum

one: In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters, and God said, "Unbind creation and let her out!"

*all: **and God declared it to be Good.***

one: God said, "let there be light" and called the light "Day" and the darkness "Night."

*all: **God spoke the word to call the land from the water, and God declared them Good.***

*one: God's word called to life the soybean and the milking cow, the robin and the earthworm,
the honeybee and the gray wolf, the microbe and the muskellunge,*

*all: **and God's heart saw them to be Good.***

one: Then God spoke a final time, making creatures who carry the divine image: us.

*all: **Forming humans by holy word, humanity together, to tend and steward all that God had made.***

one: And God saw that it was all Very Good.

*all: **And God declared that it is all Very Good.***

one: On the seventh day, God rested. So on this seventh day,

*all: **we come to worship and remember our role as partners in creation.***

*Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

Chalice Hymnal #53

Invocation

"Kinship with Creation"

video

Prayer Response

"Be Still, My Soul"

Chalice Hymnal #566

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"Jesus Appears to Thomas"

Mary Poggie

a Children Worship & Wonder story written by Sonja M. Stewart, based on John 20:19-29

(told in the Children Worship and Wonder room)

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-5 (Common English Bible)

Roy Nickum

Sermon

"A New Heaven and a New Earth"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Music

"Big Yellow Taxi" by Joni Mitchell, ©1970 (Renewed) Crazy Crow Music Mary Beth Boucher

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer *from the New Zealand Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of New Zealand and Polynesia*

**Eternal Spirit
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song "How Great Thou Art" Chalice Hymnal #33

Invitation to Stewardship Judy Nickum

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*Doxology "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Chalice Hymnal #18; v 1

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Terri Hord Owens (video)

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Terri Hord Owens (video)

Communion Response "Creator God, Creating Still" Chalice Hymnal #62; vv 1-3

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship

*Closing Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" Chalice Hymnal #56; vv 1-4

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*Postlude "God of Wonders" arr. James Koerts Julie Dean, piano

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