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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

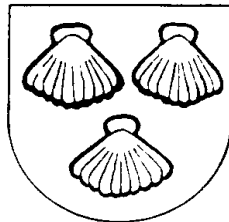
The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

September 15, 2024

9:30 am

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 5 & 6)

UMH 92

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

6. For thyself best Gift Divine
To the world so freely given
For that great great love of thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

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Call to Worship

Nancy Janson

ONE: Let us praise God who formed the mountains and created the wind.

People: Let us sing to the One who made the stars, who turns darkness into morning and day into night.

ONE: Let us turn to God, hating what is evil and loving what is just.

People: So may justice roll down like waters; and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou and thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

*Please stand as able

Passing the Peace

Nancy Janson

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Children’s Message

Donna Benson

Scripture

**Proverbs 1:20-33 (NRSVue)
James 3:1-12 (NRSVue)
Mark 8:27-38 (NRSVue)**

Nancy Janson

Hymn

“Take Time to Be Holy”

UMH 395

1. Take time to be holy
Speak oft with thy Lord
Abide in Him always
And feed on His Word
Make friends with God's children
Help those who are weak
Forgetting in nothing
His blessing to seek

2. Take time to be holy
The world rushes on
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone
By looking to Jesus
Like him thou shalt be
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see

3. Take time to be holy
Let Him be thy Guide
And run not before Him
Whatever betide
In joy or in sorrow
Still follow thy Lord
And looking to Jesus
Still trust in His Word

4. Take time to be holy
Be calm in thy soul
Each thought and each motive
Beneath his control
Thus led by his spirit
To fountains of love
Thou soon shalt be fitted
For service above

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Message

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer for Intercession

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Lord’s Prayer

Nancy Janson

Offering

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"The Summons"

TFWS 2130

1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let my love be shown
Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me

3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me

4. Will you love the "you" you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me

5. Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

When we hear Jesus say we are to “deny” ourselves, this can seem strangely harsh language, and it is well that each of us knows what it means in our own lives. You are made in God’s image. As an image of the divine, God does not command you to be nothing. You are not to be denigrated.

What aspects of your life, your desires, your tendencies, do you recognize as impeding your ability to set your mind on what you truly want and need?

What is your cross? Perhaps you see more than one cross you must bear.

If you “take up” your cross (or crosses), how might you live differently than you do now?

Household Prayer: Morning

As I open my eyes, I can see the heavens that tell of your glory.

Allow me to be part of this creation that proclaims your handiwork and your real presence in the world. Give me the strength today to bear my cross with patience so that whoever I meet will find a moment of calm in my presence because of you. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As the day winds down, allow me to find satisfaction in the thought that I have taken my cross and followed you.

Allow me to find rest in the knowledge that I did not act as if I was ashamed of you.

And if I failed you, forgive me and allow me to find solace in the new mercies of the morning. Amen.

Resources:

*Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration Guide, 2024. newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation.

* [The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024](#); Abingdon Press, 2023.

*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2

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