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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

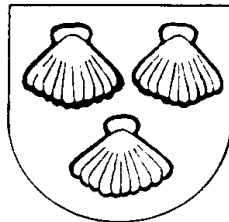
The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

September 29, 2024

9:30 am

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by David Schelat *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Gathering Song "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1 & 2) *UMH 92*

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moons and stars of light
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

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Call to Worship *Mary Anne Espenshade*

ONE: Rejoice in the Lord always!

ALL: Again we say Rejoice!

ONE: For God has gathered us together

ALL: From all corners of the earth.

ONE: To be present now

ALL: And to know joyful unity of being one with Christ.

ONE: Rejoice in the Lord always!

ALL: Again we say Rejoice!

Opening Prayer *Mary Anne Espenshade*

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Bring Forth the Kingdom of God" *TFWS 2190*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
Refrain

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seed of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!
Refrain

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
Refrain

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Passing the Peace

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

Mary Anne Espenshade

Children's Message

Rev. Patricia Abell

Scripture

Mary Anne Espenshade

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (NRSVue)
James 5:13-20 (NRSVue)
Mark 9:38-50 (NRSVue)

Congregational Hymn

"I Want a Principle Within"

UMH 410

1. I want a principle within
of watchful, godly fear,
a sensibility of sin,
a pain to feel it near.
I want the first approach to feel
of pride or wrong desire,
to catch the wandering of my will,
and quench the kindling fire.

2. From thee that I no more may stray,
No more thy goodness grieve,
Grant me the filial awe, I pray,
The tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye,
O God, my conscience make;
Awake my soul when sin is nigh,
And keep it still awake.

3. Almighty God of truth and love,
to me thy power impart;
the mountain from my soul remove,
the hardness from my heart.
O may the least omission pain
my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again,
which makes the wounded whole.

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Message

"Bless"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer for Intercession

Mary Anne Espenshade

*Please stand as able

Response: Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; **send forth your Spirit to save us.**

Lord's Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

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**

"Rescue the Perishing" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

UMH 591

1. Rescue the perishing
Care for the dying
Snatch them in pity
From sin and the grave
Weep o'er the erring one
Lift up the fallen
Tell them of Jesus
The mighty to save

Refrain

Rescue the Perishing
Care for the dying
Jesus is merciful
Jesus will save

3. Down in the human heart
Crushed by the tempter
Feelings lie buried
that grace can restore
Touched by a loving heart
Wakened by kindness
Chords that were broken
Will vibrate once more

Refrain

4. Rescue the perishing
Duty demands it
Strength for thy labor
The Lord will provide
Back to the narrow way
Patiently win them
Tell the poor wanderer
A Savior has died

Refrain

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"Exultation" G. Winston Cassler

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*Please stand as able

Questions for Reflection

Numbers 11:24–29 and Mark 9:38–41 are both concerned with expressions of divine power that occur outside the bounds of formal leadership and authority. Where have you experienced God’s mighty or gracious action in the church and in the world? What does it mean for the church to pray or act in the name of Jesus Christ? How do you account for gifts of the Spirit that seem to spill out beyond the church’s control?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of heavenly glory,
brighter than the midday sun, as each day tells your wonder,
may the words of my mouth be acceptable to you, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of heavenly glory, deeper than the midnight dark, as each night sings your mystery,
may the dreams of my heart be acceptable to you, my rock and my redeemer. 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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