

Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
United Church of Christ

Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



Thought for Meditation:

*The earth is at the same time mother,
She is mother of all that is natural,
mother of all that is human.
She is the mother of all,
for contained in her are the seeds of all.
— Hildegard of Bingen*

Dear worshippers:

This is our second Journey Through Creation worship service with storyteller Valerie Tutson and Ecological Advocate Jean Ponzi. It also features our own Logos Readers (Andrea Welnick, Jan Barnes and Leon Burke, III) plus the Oikos Ensemble. I extend special thanks to videographer Ian Didriksen and technical director and editor, Terry Peterson.

The service is best viewed as a video presentation. This bulletin may serve as a guide to worship, however, the way the service is created makes everything self-explanatory as it is being watched. It is experiential worship that may feel a little different from our normal Sunday service. The purpose of our grant is to explore new ways of worshipping. This is one such new approach. I hope you find it meaningful.

Blessings,
Cliff Aerie

Worship for October 18, 2020

Prelude "Up the Downspout" Oikos Ensemble

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Cliff Aerie

Hymn "Praise to God" Sakura by Oikos Ensemble

Praise to God, Praise to God,
for the greenness of the trees, for the beauty of the flowers,
for the blessing of the sky, for the greatness of the sea.
Praise to God, Praise to God, now and forever more.

Thanks to God, thanks to God,
for the gift of friends in Christ, for the church our house of faith,
for the gift of wondrous love, for the gift of endless grace,
Thanks to God, thanks to God, now and forever more.

Grace Note "The Arts, Science and Theology" Valerie Tutson & Jean Ponzi

Not for Children Only "For the Beauty of the Earth" Rev. Cliff Aerie

Scripture Psalm 8 Logos Readers

[What follows on video is a contemporary reimagining of the Psalmist's song.]

Today's message "Earth Story as Our Story"
"E Flat = C Sharp" Jean Ponzi & Valerie Tutson
Rev. Cliff Aerie

Jazz Prayer "Contemplation" by McCoy Tyner
The Oikos Ensemble

I open myself to you, I open myself to you Lord.
You are the light of my life.
Help me to see what you want me to be.

I offer myself to you. I offer myself to you, Lord.
You are the light of my life.
Help me to be what you want me to be.

Lord's Prayer (A contemporary re-imagining) Rev. Cliff Aerie
Loving and nurturing God
Who breathes the very life of Creation
Majestic and Holy is your name.

May your wondrous creation abound
With your timeless truth
And justice prevail around the globe
And within our hearts.

Provide us with the bread of life
So that every meal is a holy banquet.

Forgive us when we err
And strengthen our resolve to forgive others.
Keep us from wandering down false pathways
And guide us when we are assailed by evil.

Your glorious realm is our desire
Through all the days of our lives. Amen.

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Oikos Ensemble

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved and set me free.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

Closing Thoughts

Valerie Tutson & Jean Ponzi

Blessing

“An E Flat Blessing”

Rev. Cliff Aerie

Postlude

“Bosphorus Blues”

Oikos Ensemble



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