

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office. We will include it on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

#### Thanks to our worship band for leading music this morning!

#### **Mission Partners and Liaisons**

#### **Local: HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS**

ForKids - Marie Finch St. Columba - Alice Allen-Grimes St. Mary's Soup Kitchen - Larry Hull LAUNCH Ministry - Joe Morgan The Norfolk Street Choir Project - Rich Voter

#### Local: OUTREACH & INCLUSION

Faith Inclusion Network - Lori Crouch YOURS - Larry Hull Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services -

Catherine Hart Monroe

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

Ben Seidl in Germany - Craig Wansink Jenn West in Ireland - Paul West The Jungs in East Asia - Roz Klein Our Partners in M.E. - Mark Erickson

#### **2024 Session and Ministry Teams**

Larry Hull, Clerk of Session

#### DISCIPLESHIP

Lynn Ruehlmann Erin Todd Lisa Dubey Sandy Simmermon Peggy Haile McPhillips

#### **MISSION**

Tami Ndahi Mark Erickson Chris Siemering

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Philip Byrd Wendy Horner Sam Stearns Rich Voter

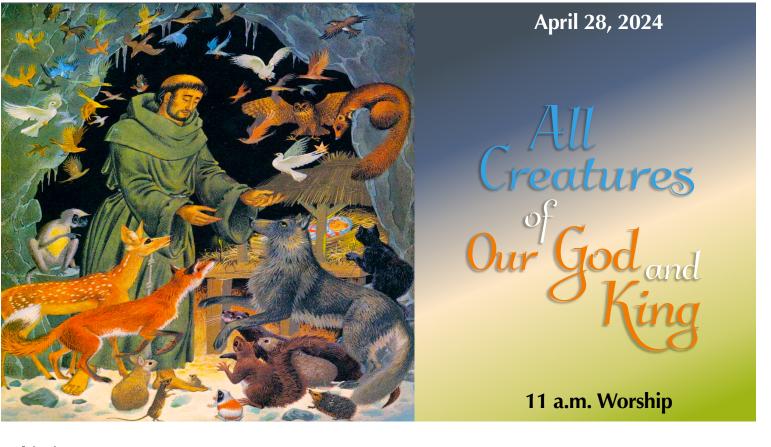
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**Chiming** Ringing of the bells indicates the beginning of worship.

# We Gather In Need of the Risen Christ

# **Gathering in Musical Meditation**

"Indescribable" Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

# **Prayer of Praise**

You are the God who formed us,

We praise your glorious name.

You are the God who loves us,

We praise your glorious name.

You are the God who forgives us,

We praise your glorious name.

You are the God who empowers us,

We praise your glorious name.

You are the God who sends us,

We praise your glorious name. Amen.

#### Welcome

\*Passing the Peace

"The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the works of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; Night after night they display knowledge."

—Psalm 19

"All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing."

—Beloved hymn, based on the words of Francis

"Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun... Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon..."

—Canticle of the Sun by Francis of Assisi

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who deal likewise with their fellow men."

—Francis of Assisi

# We Recognize Our Need to Grow Closer to God

### \*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 551 "All Creatures of Our God and King" Vereses 1, 2, and 3

### \*Confessing our Sin

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

We sing together:

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

# \*Receiving Grace

We know there is no limit to God's love and grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

The challenge for us is to live as forgiven people, to claim this truth and live it out in the world.

You are forgiven. You are loved. Share the spirit of forgiveness with others, knowing nothing that can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus. **Amen**.

# We Hear the Word

# **Time of Discovery**

**Message** Dr. Craig Wansink

"All Creatures of Our God and King": A Look at Creation lob 12:7-10; Psalm 145:10-11; Psalm 148

# We Respond in Humility

# \*Singing Our Faith Together

"God Saw that It Was Good"

Adaptation of "Creation" from <u>Tales of Wonder</u> by Marty Haugen

Congregation sing the refrain in bold

### **Mission and Ministry of the Church**

### **Offering Gratitude**

When you think of this world, aside from friends and family, what are one or two other aspects of God's creation that bring you joy and for which you thank God

Please fold that paper, put it in the black basket in your pew, after which baskets will be brought forward as an offering. These responses will be both read by the pastoral staff and prayed over.

Thank you for all of the ways you share your time, life, and finances on behalf of the mission of this church family. Please feel free to financially support us by sharing your gifts in the baskets up front.

# **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## \*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 10 "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"

# We Depart in Joy

### \*Benediction

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,
The love of God be reflected in your hands,
The wisdom of God be reflected in your words,
And the knowledge of God flow from your heart,
That all might see. And seeing, believe. **Amen**.

"Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills. fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds."

-Psalm 148:7-10

"The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen."

—Isaiah 43:20

"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!'"

-Revelation 5:13