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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

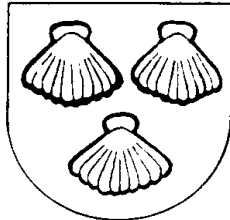
The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

September 22, 2024

9:30 am

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude "O God, thou Faithful God" J. S. Bach *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Introit "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Handbell Choir*

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Call to Worship *Barbara Cook*

ONE: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love

ALL: Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

ONE: We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

ALL: A Word that renews us again and again.

ALL: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, who loves, saves, and renews us. Amen.

Opening Prayer *Barbara Cook*

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, help us to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" *TFWS 2004*

1. Praise the Source of faith and learning
That has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning
How the world has been designed
Let the sense of wonder flowing
From the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
And renew our need to pray

2. God of wisdom we acknowledge
That our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
Only partial truth impart
Far beyond our calculation
Lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation
And the pulse of life are found

3. May our faith redeem the blunder
Of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder
Which the ancient prophets taught
May our learning curb the error
Which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror
With an antiquated creed

4. As two currents in a river
Fight each other's undertow
Till converging they deliver
One coherent steady flow
Blend O God our faith and learning
Till they carve a single course
Till they join as one returning
Praise and thanks to you their Source

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*Please stand as able

Passing the Peace **Barbara Cook**

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

Children's Message **Edie Candee**

Scripture **Barbara Cook**
Proverbs 31:10-31 (NRSVue)
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (NRSVue)
Mark 9:30-37 (NRSVue)

Anthem **Handbell Choir**
"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

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Message **Rev. Patricia Abell**

Prayer for Intercession **Barbara Cook**

Lord's Prayer **Barbara Cook**

Offering

Offertory **Handbell Choir**
"Here I Am, Lord"

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***Doxology** **UMH 94**
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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** **TFWS 2166**
"Christ Beside Me"

1. Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.	2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.
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3. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"O God, thou Faithful God" J.G. Walther

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Question for Reflection

What can you do to discern between good advice and advice that will lead you on the wrong path?

Household Prayer: Morning

As we rise, we have so much to do!
We work without realizing that all we do can be a song of love to you
and to the ones with whom you have surrounded us.
Lead me, O God,
so that everything that I do in my life can be done in praise to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As this day ends,
I hope I have done my work with a gentleness born out of your wisdom.
Thank you, triune God, for the rest that you will provide
and for the strength for a new 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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