



Order of Worship - Animal Blessing Sunday - October 22, 2023

Prelude Jazz Musicians: Bruce Bears, keyboards;
Justin Meyer, bass; Rick Forzese, drums

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Will Burhans

Gathering Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* New Century Hymnal, #28

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and Moon, and stars of light.

God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Scripture (*The Inclusive Bible*) 1 Kings 17:1-7 & Luke 12:22-34 Liturgist: Maggie Keeler

Reflection "Consider the Ravens!" Rev. Maeve Hammond

Anthem "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"
[CHORUS] All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got now.

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do, and the old cow just goes Moo.
The dogs and the cats they take up the middle where the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs, and the old coyote Howls. [CHORUS]

Listen to the top where the little birds sing on the melodies with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything, and the jay bird disagrees.
Singing in the night time, singing in the day, the little duck quacks and he's on his way
The possum ain't got much to say, and the porcupine talks to himself. [CHORUS]

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly raccoon and the turtle dove. [CHORUS]

Offertory

speaker: Prassede Calabi

The offering this morning will go to support the WIN Fast Forest effort to restore low habitat-value wetland into a native Miyawaki or "fast forest" at Wright-Locke Farm.

Animal Blessing

You are invited to come forward with your animal companion for a blessing with either Rev. Will Burhans or Rev. Maeve Hammond. Fill out the name of your pet on a blessing card as you come forward.

Closing Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

New Century Hymnal, #31

[Refrain] All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

Benediction

Rev. Maeve Hammond

Postlude

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Maeve Hammond**, Pastoral Resident,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Worship & the Arts, **Maggie Keeler**, Minister of Children & Families,
Jeffrey Mead, Keyboards, **Sarah Marino**, Office Administrator
Deacons serving are **John Keeley**, **Rev. Eileen Morris**, **Janet Vaughn** and **Branda Wilhoite**.
Special thanks **Bruce Bears**, keyboards; **Justin Meyer**, bass; **Rick Forzese**, drums

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Liam's 3rd Birthday, by the Shannahan family.

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