



Order of Worship - Animal Blessing Sunday - October 19, 2025

Prelude Jazz Musicians: Jane Potter, keyboards;
Lenny Bradford, bass; Teri Coté, drums

Welcome Rev. Will Burhans

Invocation Rev. Maeve Hammond

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 Psalm 148 Liturgist: Rev. Maeve Hammond
(Inclusive Bible)

Reflection "Mirrors of the Divine" Rev. Will Burhans

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]

