

Worship at Camp Lackawanna

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Call to Worship

God above us - trees, birds and sunshine, stars and moonlight - **God above us.**

God beneath us - earth, rocks and rivers, roots and caverns - **God beneath us.**

God around us - seas, winds and cities, animals and people - **God around us.**

God within us - hopes, tears and laughter, love and wonder - **God within us.**

God above us, God beneath us, God around us, God within us,

we celebrate that you made us, you love us, and you call us to work and rest with you.

Hymn: Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken, like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

Prayer of Thanks for Creation

Thank you, God, thanks for beauty: the twinkle in an older person's eye, a child's shout of laughter; thanks for greening trees and frozen waterfalls, stunning buildings and flowerbeds in summer.

Thanks for beauty.

Thank you, God, thanks for creativity: the skills of a tapestry weaver, the imagination of a web designer; thanks for bakers and dancers and crossword compilers, for spider's webs and city murals.

Thanks for creativity.

Thank you, God, thanks for abundance: for seeds and raindrops, for grains of sand and infinite galaxies; thanks for seagulls, plankton and shoals of mackerel, for wriggling worms and golden dandelions.

Thanks for abundance.

Thanks for your world, God, and for our part in it. Thanks that you are a maker, and that you made us makers too.

Help us to love creation as you love it, to take risks to value it as Jesus did,

and draw us into the wildness and wonder of your Holy Spirit, today and every day. Amen.

Reading: Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Prayer of Regret

In the light of your word and your call to care for creation, we come to say sorry, God.

We're sorry for the times we've messed up, sorry for bad decisions we've made, sorry for people we've hurt, sorry for damaging your world.

In the silence, we seek your forgiveness for ourselves and healing for the world. (*moment of quiet*)

Listen to what God says to us: "I made the heavens and the earth. I call you to be good servants and responsible stewards. Come and work with me. I will always be with you." **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Response: I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river ... in my soul
2. I've got joy like a fountain ... in my soul
3. I've got love like an ocean ... in my soul

Scripture Readings

Matthew 10:26-31

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Psalm 84

Refrain (on cue): ***How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!***

A Sermon for People Out in the Woods

Prayers of the People: Kum ba Yah

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord. Kum ba yah!
2. Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
3. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
4. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: (*Refrain*) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. (*Refrain*)
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. (*Refrain*)
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. (*Refrain*).
5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so free given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy of heaven. (*Refrain*)

Blessing

May God the Creator who made heaven and earth bless us with creativity and wonder.

May Jesus who walked through fields and cities bless us with kind hands and listening ears.

May the Holy Spirit who is around us and within us bless us with the courage to be caring and just.

May we work and walk in the strong love of the Trinity all our nights and days. Amen!

All are invited to make their offering as they depart from worship this morning.

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