



WHO IS CREATION?
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 2023

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

How We are Royal Rulers over Creation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

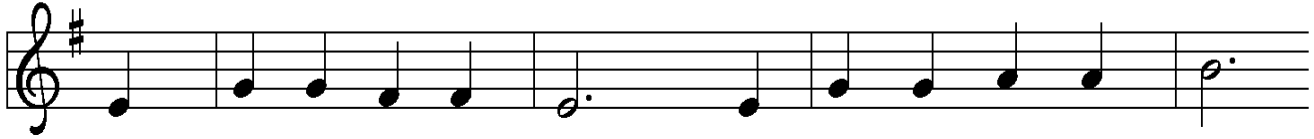


Gathering:

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly gathers in silence.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant was with every living creature.

When your Beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river Jordan welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and love, mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: **Amen.**



The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Readings:

Genesis 1:26 – 28

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Psalm 72:8- 14

⁸May the king of Israel have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹May all other kings fall down before him,
and may all nations give him service,

¹²because the king of Israel delivers people who are in need when they call,
because he delivers poor people and those who have no helper,

¹³because he has pity on people who are weak and desperate,
and because he saves the lives of those in need.

¹⁴From oppression and violence the king of Israel redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** ELW #771 *“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”*

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;

probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

- 3 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

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***Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray:

***Lord's Prayer**

All: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.



Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Sending Hymn** ELW #561 *“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”*

- 1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.

- 2 In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.

- 3 You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WEDNESDAY OFFERING:

Offerings received at our Lenten midweek services are designated for the Crossways Camping Ministries and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thank you.

FAITH TIME FOR LENT



Everyone is invited to participate in the **FAITH TIME FOR LENT** project developed for Sunday School families.

The instructions are on the desk in the parlor or you can request them from Pastor Larry at pastorlarry@gracegb.org.

- **FAITH TIME FOR LENT** starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.
- It's designed to focus our attention on our faith during Lent.
- It can be done every day or once a week.
- There are two one – three verse readings, candles to light, a coloring page, and prayers to choose from.
- There are materials for the candle project available for a limited time ... please e-mail Pastor Larry for them. Or you can simply use your own candles. Or none at all.



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Wednesdays in Lent:
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:00 p.m.

- February 22nd: How Dust is Alive
- March 1st: How We are Royal Rulers over Creation
- March 8th: How Biodiversity is God's Plan
- March 15th: How Creatures Have Souls
- March 22nd: How All Creation Worships God
- March 29th: How Creation Mourns

Mission Trip

SILENT AUCTION & BRAT FRY



March 5th!

Gift Cards
Wood Crafts
Family Night Baskets
Wine Baskets
Packer Items
Games
Food Baskets
Fan Baskets
and more!

There's always something for everyone at
the Mission Trip Silent Auction!

Bidding opens after worship Saturday,
March 4th, and ends Sunday at noon.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE TRIP!

Mission Trip 2023 - Washington, D.C.



WORSHIP MINISTERS TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Larry Lange
Liturgist: Pastor Julie Wrubbel-Lange
AV Technician: Josh Moyer
Ushers: Bill & Dee Kaehler
Accompanist: Denise Zenko

GRACIOUS CALLERS NEEDED!

Purpose – Help connect new members to the present Grace community.

What you will do. Make a phone call (or email or text message) to a new member once a month for at least 6 months. Be a friendly caller to see how they are doing, answer any questions they may have about Grace's ministry and talk about how they can share their talents at Grace.

Will they be expecting a call from me? Yes. At or after the new member orientation the new members will confirm their willingness to receive a call and be asked when is the best time to call.

How will I know what to talk about? The interests card filled out by the new member will be shared with you.

Contact Gayle Schmeling (schmeldorf@aol.com) if you would be interested in serving in this ministry.



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