



WHO IS CREATION?
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 2023

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

How All Creation Worships God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

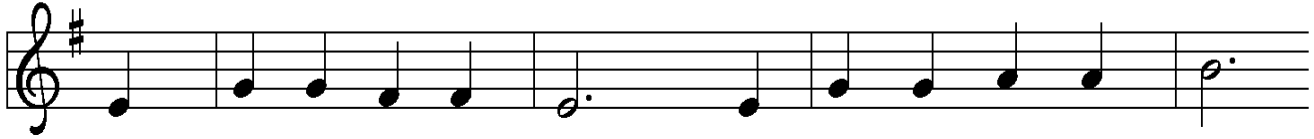


Gathering:

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.

Reading:

Genesis 1:29 - 31

²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"*

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

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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 John Kopp "The Joy of the Lord " Gregg Sewell



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Wednesdays in Lent:

March 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

Our Wednesday services are live streamed and can be found on You Tube and our Web Site www.gracegb.org.

WORSHIP MINISTERS TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Larry Lange
Liturgist: Pastor Julie Wrubbel-Lange
AV Technician: Josh Moyer
Ushers: Paul Kriedeman, Mark Kollath
Accompanist: John Kopp

WEDNESDAY OFFERING:

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



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