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Gathering songs: "Be Praised" and "Blessed Be Your Name"; Postlude "The River is Here" All songs used by permission, CCL# 1342943

Opening ~ Litany
Psalm 104:24-35

Leader (L): O Lord, how manifold are your works!

Congregation (C): In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

L: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

C: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

L: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
C: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

L: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

C: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

C: may the Lord rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

C: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

L: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Opening Songs - Majestic & Hear All Creation

Prayer for Creation

L: Creator God, **C: We thank you for the beauty of your Creation, and for giving us the privilege of caring for it. We confess that we have not cared for the earth with the self-sacrificing and nurturing love that you require of us. We mourn the broken relationships in creation. We repent for our part in causing the current environmental crisis that has led to climate change.**

L: Faithful God, sustainer of all —
C: we pray with hope, because you are already at work

through Christ to reconcile all of creation to Yourself and to renew all things.

L: Loving God, **C: help us to turn our lives around to be people of restoration. Help us build just relationships among human beings and with the rest of creation. Help us to live sustainably, rejecting consumerism and the exploitation of creation.**

L: God of justice, **C: give us courage and persistence to work for justice for those most affected by environmental degradation and climate change.**

L: God of mercy, **C: hear the cry of the poor who are already suffering and will continue to suffer water and food shortages and who will be displaced by climate change.**

L: Creator God, **C: give us your Spirit to work together to restore your creation and to hand on a safe environment and climate to our children and theirs. Let our care for creation be our act of worship and obedience to you. Your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Song - Indescribable

Sermon - Pastor Krehl Stringer

Song - The Wonders of God

Creed ~ We Believe in One God

We believe in one God the Creator of all things, who loves the whole creation with a father's tenderness and a mother's strength.

We believe in one God, our Liberator Jesus Christ; the Word of God made flesh, true God and truly human; born among the poor he lived as bringer of God's Kingdom; a teacher and a healer a lover of life and a prophet of justice; forgiver of sins and a friend of sinners; who welcomed the outcasts and challenged the powerful; Whose death on the cross defeated sin and death; Who rose from the dead; and is alive forever in power and glory.

We believe in one God, the Holy Spirit, the giver of life; the Breath of life in all life; the gift of God to the people of God; Disturber and our Comforter; the fire and the dove, who makes us one community in peace and love.

We believe in one God; a community of love; a trinity of holiness; the beginning and end of all life. Amen.

Offering & Announcements

Prayers of the People

Response: hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer Litany ~

L: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."

C: You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

L: Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."

C: Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

L: We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."

C: We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

L: We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

C: We confess that we often put our own interests first-exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

L: We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

C: We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

L: We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

C: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

L: We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."

C: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

L: We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."

C: Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

L: We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."

C: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.

L: We pray, "Amen."

C: We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so." We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

Sending Song - How Great Thou Art

Benediction/Commission ~ L: Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to partner with him in caring for creation, mending its tears, weaving all things together in peace, for us to celebrate the restoration of world communion. **C: We will care for creation, proclaiming unity in the bond of peace and celebrating life. Amen.**

Dismissal ~ L: Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

C: Thanks be to God!