



Presbytery of Lake Michigan

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

June 11, 2024 We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Creatures of Our God and King
Joanne Tango, Organist/Pianist

arr. Anna Laura Page

Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness & chaos...

God imagined.

Rev. Linda Rubingh, *Validated Ministry*
New City Kids

In the fury & darkness...

**God imagined a world filled with trees,
and blue skies
and fluffy white clouds.**

In the meadow, God stood and...

imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife
and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

**God imagined humanity.
God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

In a world teeming with billions of people...

God imagined me.

God imagined you and God imagined me.
We are created in the image of God.

God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

Let us worship with the same imagination
as the creating One!

Amen.

*Hymn #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Ayers, *HR*

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

*Gloria #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to share Christ's peace with those around you

We Hear the Word

Rev. Sarah Juist, Parkwood Presbyterian Church

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Message

“Making Space”

We Respond to the Word

Call for the Offering

Lori Ladd, *Ruling Elder*
Brooklyn Presbyterian Church

The offering today is designated to PCUSA Poverty in America

Offertory Anthem

All You Works of God

Marty Haugen

FPC Holt Choir and Congregational Participation

(See the back of the bulletin for the music and join as you feel comfortable)

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Kirk Miller, Teaching Elder
Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson, Teaching Elder
First Presbyterian Church, Holt

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you...

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Upon the leader's prompt, the congregation is invited to offer spontaneous thanksgivings in a cacophony of prayer.

SANCTUS *(Holy Holy Holy p.1, v.1)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee!

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is the Lord's Table and our savior invites all who seek the grace and love of God to come and enjoy the feast. We celebrate the sacrament today by intinction, with individual cups available for those who prefer. All bread is gluten free. Starting in the front, please approach the table by the center aisle and return to your seat via the side. If mobility is a concern, a server will bring the elements to you.

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us grace-filled imagination and a fierce passion to glorify you as one, living body in the world; to this generation and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Sarah Juist

Postlude

ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

Adapted from Daniel 3:57-88
"Canticle of the Three Children"

Marty Haugen

Refrain

All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and
tree bless the One who shapes your beau - ty, who has
called you all to be one great song of love and
grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er new; raise your
voic - es, all you works of God!

Verses

Bless your mak - er!
Chant your praise!
Raise up your joy - ful song!

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