



**Prelude**                      **"It Is Well With My Soul"**                      **arr. Larry Sue**

We celebrate the song of the skies!  
**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn #292** **As the Wind Song**

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** **Rev. John Best (HR)**

In the face of the warming of the Earth, rising sea levels, shrinking ice caps, and dispossessed peoples, we confess that by our actions and inaction, we have contributed to changes in our climate.

For our excessive use of motor vehicles

## Forgive us Lord

For our waste of energy and water

**Forgive us Lord**

For our rampant consumerism

## Forgive us Lord

For our failure to embrace renewable energy resources

<sup>1</sup> "Sky Sunday." Season of Creation. 2018.

**Forgive us Lord**  
For our lack of respect for our oceans and forests  
**Forgive us Lord**  
For our complacency and apathy  
**Forgive us Lord**

*Silence*

**Assurance of God's Love and Sharing in Christ's Peace**

**Rev. John Best (HR)**

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Believe in the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

**We Hear the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Ruling Elder Rick Foster (Richland First)**

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21**

**Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull**

**Message**

**"Everything Old is New Again"**

**Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull**

**We Respond to the Word**

**\*Hymn #761**

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

**Receiving A Candidate Under Care Candidate**  
**Nathan Martins (Battle Creek First)**

**Rev. Paul Van Kempen (Holland First)**

Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament?

**I do.**

Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?

**I do.**

Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?

**I do.**

Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

**I do.**

**Charge**

Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Tim. 4:7b-12)

<sup>2</sup> "Climate Sunday" Season of Creation.

<sup>3</sup> II Corinthians 5:17 NRSVU

<sup>4</sup> The Book of Common Worship (Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1993). Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press

## **Prayer**

Let us pray: God of prophets and apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day you are still claiming your people for special work within the church. As Nathan has dedicated their self to you, let us pledge ourselves to them so that, surrounded by affection and hope, they may grow in wisdom, mature in love, and become a faithful worker, approved by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Offering**

**Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce (Grand Haven First)**

*The offering today is designated to support the PCUSA Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice.*

## **Offertory**

### **\*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**

**Ruling Elder Kent Workman (Okemos)**

All of creation belongs to you, God. Let us never consume in such a way as to suggest that we deserve more than others. Rather, let us live our lives in clear acknowledgment that all you have created is intended to sustain all you have created. Take these gifts that we now offer back to you and use them to feed the world with your love, peace, and security. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. <sup>5</sup>

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Rev. Kristin Stroble**

## **Invitation**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues...*

Therefore we gladly join our voices  
to the song of the Church  
on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.**

*The prayer continues...*

Merciful God,  
send now, in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and cup  
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.  
And let that same Spirit rest on us,

converting us from the patterns of this passing world,  
until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.  
And with the confidence of children we pray together...

**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.**

## Words of Institution

## Prayer After Communion

**\*Hymn #44                      Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us**

**\*Charge and Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull**

## Postlude

*Thank you to all those who participated in leading worship today.  
All those who participated in worship today are members of Earth Care Congregations.*

*Musicians:*  
*Organist: Tamar Mikeladze*  
*The Capital City Ringers (Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn, Laura Sparks, Kristin Stroble)*

<sup>5</sup> “Metzger, Willard. “Thanking God with Integrity”. World Vision, 2010.