



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

5th Sunday after Pentecost/Sacred Summer Series: Nature
Sunday, 27 June 2021

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken - BUNESSAN, arr. Hal Hopson

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's glory is on tour in the skies.

Many: God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.

One: Madam Day holds classes every morning

Many: Professor Night lectures each evening.

One: Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded.

Many: But their silence fills the earth and unspoken truth is everywhere.

One: God, Creator, we worship you!

OPENING PRAYER:

Creator God, we look around this space and we see all the ways in which your Creation is seen. It is seen in the people with whom we gather. It is in the trees that became places where we sit. It is in the sand that was turned into the glass in our windows. It is in the metals that make up the electronics that amplify sound, cool the room, and project images. It is in the air that we breathe and the cycles of nature that turn our exhales back into oxygen to give us life. Thank you, Creator God, for that which we can see and all that we do not, for that which we understand and that which is beyond us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Forgive us, O God, for our self-important boasting. We take credit for our strength without thought of Your gifts. When honors are bestowed, we treat them as our due. We claim as our victories the triumphs of Your grace. You shower us with blessings, which we ignore. You bring new life; we take it for granted. Deliver us from our vain ways and forgive our smug complacency. Turn our boasting to thanksgiving for Christ's power within us.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

*THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA PATRI #581: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT TEXT:

Genesis 3:8

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

If We Believe

John Gross

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

SERMON

Among the Trees...

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

CLOSING HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying,
"Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying,
"Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasure,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Marche Royal Jean-Baptiste Lully

Theresa Merrill

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Imm Family**, passing of Sue Imm
- **Thompson Family**, passing of Lois Thompson
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Linda Baden**, recovery from surgery
- **Denise Bien**, Health concerns
- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns, hospitalized
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns

- **Martha Moore**, health concerns, mother of Elizabeth Hammelrath, Mother in Law of Steve Hammelrath
- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Coworkers:

- **McGill Family**, back in the United States

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of June: 3 Nancy Record, Judith Trefzger, 4 Linda Baden, Allison Hatch, 10 Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda, 13 Elizabeth Hammelrath, 19 Kristen Bishop, 21 Lydia Knutson, Miriam Knutson.