

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Summer Series #7

'Crocodile Rock' – Our Connection with Creation



Ring of Bell

PRELUDE *Let Everything that Has Breath, with
All Creatures of Our God & King*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden
is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your
yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says,
"Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and
I will give you rest." In the name of God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN v. 1-4, & 6 ELW 835

All Creatures Worship God Most High!

1 **All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night: >**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 **Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

3 **Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

4 **All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

6 **O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Beloved and Sovereign God, through the death
and resurrection of your Son, you bring us into your
kingdom of justice and mercy.

**C: By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we
may treasure the life that comes from Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-13

An Invitation to Abundant Life

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without
price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which
is not bread and your earnings for that which does
not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline
your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may
live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him
a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander
for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you
do not know, and nations that do not know you shall
run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy
One of Israel, for he has glorified you. >>

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 98 We read responsively

L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have won the victory.

C: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

C: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

L: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

C: Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

L: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

New Creation!

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have

died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:25-34

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Consider the Lilies

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION:

"You are invited to bring your painted rock to add to the display in the front of the sanctuary."

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 876

Let the Whole Creation Cry

- 1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- 3 Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"

◆ APOSTLES' CREED

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 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

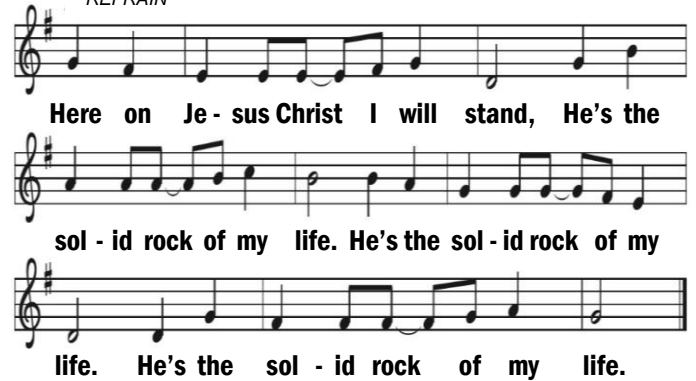
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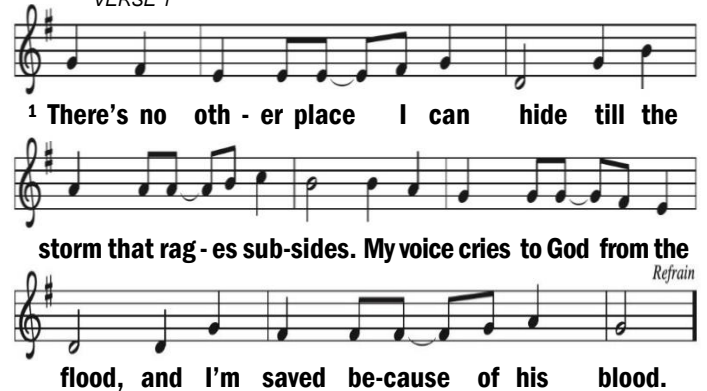
Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand - NEW TUNE

SING REFRAIN BEFORE & AFTER VERSE

REFRAIN



VERSE 1



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

ELW 483

Here Is Bread

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here. > >

REFRAIN: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.**

2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

REFRAIN: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.**

3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

REFRAIN: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.**

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

C: Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG ACS 1091
Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

SEE LAST PG

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near.
Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Go Forth With a Song*

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 26

9 am WORSHIP

10 am Coffee

10:15 Men's Ministry

SUNDAY AUG 2

9 am WORSHIP

10 am Coffee

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The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains eight measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (half).

First staff of music: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes.

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