

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things, who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace and purpose, in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for Creation.

Thanks be to God.



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE SONG

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Praise Ye the Lord

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who so loves the world and all who live in it. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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Reconciling God,

we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.

Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, + forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God’s healing work in the world. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN: This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Holy God, reveal the Word made flesh through the mending of the woodlands and prairies, of the rocky peaks and valley streams. Renew our awareness of our place in the web of Creation. Send us with a yearning hunger to advocate for a healthier planet.

All glory is yours, blessed Trinity, creator, redeemer and sanctifier, now and forever. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

ALL 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

HYMN: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom
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DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The bread of the Earth and the fruit of the vine strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.
Amen.

Let us pray. Sustaining Creator, we thank you for this life-giving meal. Help us to see that you never give up on your beautiful Creation, even though it has been damaged by humanity’s sinfulness. Jesus was broken on the cross, but the Risen Lord pursues us with new life. Having received his body and blood, send us as signs of your redeeming power to restore our relationship with all of Creation. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer petitions end, “Merciful God,” Please respond with “Receive our prayer.”

OFFERING

The Vision and Purpose Giving for August is designated for the Monmouth Kiwanis Club, serving our community, helping children prepare for school and life with items like shoes and winter boots.

Let us pray. Loving Creator,
all Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

**HYMN: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sculptor of the Earth, we praise you for the way your fingers traced the rivers across the land and lifted up the mountains.
Painter of the landscapes, we praise you for how your brushstrokes bring color to our forests and vitality to our wilderness spaces.
Breath of life, we praise you for the gift of your wind that sustains our very living, and which brings all flora and fauna dancing into being.
In great joy you sent to the canvas of the cosmos your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring restoration and healing to all that is broken.

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GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, worship the God of all Creation.
We gather to praise the Creator who is the well spring of all living things.
Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.
We praise the Creator who fashions the forests with trees that clean the air.
Come, worship our God who forms life out of soil.
We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.
Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.
We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation.
Come, worship our God who sends waters flowing with life.
We praise the Creator who baptizes us to be one with all Creation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,
Through the wonders of nature, you reveal yourself as creator of all and shelter for all. Gather us in awe and wonder of the many ways our surroundings reveal you to us, and receive our celebration of you as a sign of our joy and praise. We pray this in the name of the redeemer of all things, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE WORD

Psalm 103:22 (NLT) Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

Psalm 139:1 (NLT) O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

Psalm 142:5 (NLT) Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, “You are my place of refuge.”

Psalm 136:1 (NLT) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 115:18 (NLT) But we can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!

VBS Recap and Sermon: Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God

HYMN: Seek Ye First (see next page)

CREED

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen

(Lutheran Theological College, South India,adapted)

Descant

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1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

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mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.