

“Ask the beasts, and they will teach you the beauty of this Earth.”  
— Saint Francis of Assisi

\* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able  
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## LET US GATHER

**PRELUDE**                      *Lead Me, Lord*                      *R.W.Thygerson*

### WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT**                      *In God Alone*                      *Taizé*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the dome of the sky they were set to give light upon the earth,

**All: And God saw that it was good.**

One: And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’

**All: And God saw that it was good.**

One: And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’

**All: And God saw that it was good.**

One: So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God they were created; male and female they were created.

**All: God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good.**

## LET US PREPARE

**\*HYMN**                      *Come to Me, Ye Weary*                      *B484*

### UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

**As we recite this prayer in unison, we acknowledge the great value of our tradition. As we acknowledge this value, we do so in the light of**

**our more current understandings. In this way, we preserve our traditions as we move forward into an ever renewing world. Let’s pray together, “Our Father...”**

## LET US LISTEN

**READING**                      *Psalm 121*  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

**REFLECTION**                      *“But, I like rabbit holes!”*

**ANTHEM**                      *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*                      *S.Temple/arr. M.Hayes*

*You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.*

## LET US RESPOND

### Gathering of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns**                      *Medema*

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.  
(twice)

### PRAYER

(and once more)

**L:**        Let the people say ...

**P:**        **Amen and Amen.**

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY**                      *Feast of the Animals*

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION (Unison)

God, we bring these gifts to bring Your realm near, and to reveal the ways in which Your realm already surrounds us. May they be used to reveal the same to others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert)

LET US GO FORTH

\*HYMN                    *All Creatures of Our God and Kind Vs. 1,2,5*                    *R64*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SEVEN FOLD AMEN                    *R594*

POSTLUDE                    *Trumpet Tune*                    *D.Eloit*

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Minister of Music:

Worship Leader:

Greeter:

Usher:

Setup:

The People

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*Please join us for a celebration of October birthdays after worship.*

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