

We Worship Together...

Call to Worship

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

All: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

One: You hold the heavens in your hand; all stars rejoice in your glory. You come in the sunrise and the song of morn and bless the splendor of the noonday.

All: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

One; The stars in their courses magnify you; day and night tell of your glory. Your peace blows over the earth and the breath of your mouth fills all space.

All: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

One: Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm; the song of the wind whispers of your majesty. You satisfy all things living with your abundance, and our hearts bow at your presence.

All: We gather together to worship you, O Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!¹

Call to Confession

Beloved of God, the proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16) Let us now join together in prayer to confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Powerful and loving God, you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. God, raise us too. We often live in shells of distrust and self-hatred which keep us from loving. Fear has kept us from the stranger and the community you want us to share. We have been impatient in making peace and building justice. Forgive us and teach us to trust the slow process from

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seed to stem, from stem to flower, from flower to fruit. Breathe on us with your Spirit, through the risen Christ that fresh life may burst among us.²

Time for Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. (Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven, and all of God's people said... **AMEN!**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-15 and Romans 15:13

Sermon: Stubborn Hope for Perilous Times

The Rev. Stan Gockel

Recognition of Certified Christian Educator, Erin Dickerson

Opening Sentences (Psalm 78:1-4)

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching, incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable...proclaiming the things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Commissioning for Erin Dickerson and Her Ministry

Communion

Prayer After Communion

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