

Worship Service for PMV Nov 9 Meeting

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 24:1-2, 50:10-11, 65: 11-13)

One: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein

All: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

One: For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

All: I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

One: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness

All: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy

One: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain

All: They shout and sing together for joy!

Call to Confession

If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were guided by our hearts, if we walked the talk - we would be God's children. But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears, our inaction which tell others who we truly are and what we truly care about. Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray,

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we confess that we have not led lives that truly reflect the blessings we have received. We often take our blessings for granted, abusing and overusing what you have trustingly given us. We put personal benefit, convenience and comfort before a God centered life, a life that should reflect respect and awe of your creations, great and small. We often fail to act as good stewards of your gifts and are reluctant to share them as if you cannot provide for all. We ask for your forgiveness but are often slow to change our ways. Help us to see and appreciate that your ways are higher than our ways and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: God loves us so that God will give us chance after chance to do better in taking care of God's creation. Our efforts to care for and nourish Creation are blessed. Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-7

7 Now when the king was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders^[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’

Sermon – Special Shelter

Communion – Cliff and Janet

Benediction –