

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

July 21, 2019

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear the proclamation of faith: Christ is risen from the dead!
The Spirit is poured out. Lives are transformed.

All: God is active in our world. God brings hope and healing.

One: Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community.
We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care
for all those around us.

All: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.

One: Hear a challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The
whole of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

**All: We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our love to all of God's
creation.**

One: People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather
now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

All: We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

No. 64

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where
children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and
song: This is where children belong.***

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Creator God, you make all things and weave them together in an intricate tapestry of life.
Guide by your wisdom those who have power and authority that, by the decisions they
make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth may continue to show your glory
and sing your praises. Guide us also to tend and keep the garden of your creation. Teach us**

to respect the fragile balance of life. Give us wisdom and reverence for all your plants and animals who share this planet with us and whose lives make possible our own. Help us to remember that they too love the sweetness of life and join with us in giving you praise. We pray this in the name of your Christ, Jesus, who shows us the sacredness of our path in the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Archipelago Project

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 18-25

(NT p. 158)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

What a Wonderful World Sermon Series:

SERMON

"The Wonder of Gardening"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"The Earth is the Lord's"

(words below)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.

By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,

We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.

Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.

Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.

You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.

We fail to remember its beauty and worth.

We take from creation much more than we need,

We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give,

Protecting creation wherever we live.

May we be a church that renews and restores

And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN OF DEDICATION "O Spirit of the Living God" No. 539 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.