

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
July 7, 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: As followers of Christ, we are called to be image-bearers of God;
To bring a big dose of hope to our world,
Declaring that God calls this Creation "good."

**ALL: Yes, we are called to bring this hope in God
with us wherever we go,
Declaring that God makes all things new again.**

One: Jesus taught we should love God and love one another.
So let's join together in our love of God
To worship and bear that image as best we can.

*HYMN

"Maker in Whom We Live"

No. 88 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER—Judy Chu

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

"There's a Spirit in the Air" (sung processional)

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world. Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done. God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

(sung recessional)

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways: God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER BY ALL

**Maker of all, we are your children,
The creatures of your kindness, the bearers of your image.
This day,
We will walk by your light,**

**Follow your son,
And live by your Spirit.
This day,
We will not offer to you
Offerings that cost us nothing.
For this is the day
That the Lord has made.
We are open to rejoice and be glad in this day.**

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 "There is A Time" Larry Winegar, soloist

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE Genesis 1: 26-28 (OT p. 1)
Then God said, "Let us make the mortals in our own image..."

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

SERMON *What a Wonderful World Sermon Series:*
"Whose Image are You?"

A CREED OF FAITH (see below)

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer before or after you receive communion.*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn During Communion "God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us" No. 100

*A New Doxology

**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN OF DEDICATION "God Made the Heavens and the Earth" (see below)

*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.

A CREED OF FAITH (Inspired by our 2019 8th Grade Confirmands)

One: We declare our faith, that God is Creator, the patient Creator of all that is. The master painter always adding to the masterpiece. Light and dark, color and shadow, seen and unseen. God does not control every detail, but means for all Creation to be good and fit together.

Younger than 60: God is in Christ, the one we call Jesus. He walked among us, felt what we feel, but he is so much more. He came as the One who saves, to show us a better way. Christ is strong but not aggressive. Truth-telling but not arrogant. A tough coach but not mean. His willingness to die for Love is a reminder of the beautiful life we are given, worth protecting each other. Grace wins, so we are to take nothing for granted, but dare to love his way.

Older than 60: God is also Holy Spirit, giving me confidence to be who God wants me to be. The Spirit is the better voice to listen to, rather than the chatter of just me. The Spirit guides in ways we barely understand, but always steering us toward Love & right relationships. The Spirit is a bridge-builder, making a way where there was no way - between enemies & friends & churches & nations. With so much darkness around, Holy Spirit shines a way like a big ole' ball of Light.

All: God works through many groups of people, & especially that group called the Church. It is not perfect, but God seems to show up there a lot. We find guidance there for things we might not be able to handle on our own, to love this world in big ways we might not pull off on our own. The Church is old but it is new, every week a new piece of the story, learning how to let God in. Church is like school for our souls. It is the place where I learn to see vividly that God is here for others as much as for me. God is love; what more can we say!

"God Made the Heavens and the Earth"
(Sung to the tune: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less")

*God made the heavens and the earth.
God's Spirit moved; they came to be.
For when God spoke, there was the light,
And solid ground, and rolling sea.*

Refrain:
***Lord, all your world's a precious gift.
You give dominion! Help us share
In your creation's loving care.***

*God saw the earth was very good.
God spoke, and life came bursting forth:
The bright green grass, the shaded wood,
And wondrous creatures 'round the earth.*

Refrain

*And soon it was, God spoke again:
In God's good image we were made,
To fill the earth, and tenderly
To tend the land, and love, and pray.*

Refrain

*When I look up and see the stars,
Creation shouts your praise anew.
I humbly ask, "Lord, who am I?"
Yet, we are called to work with you.*

Refrain