



8.14.22

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Call to Worship**

Lisa Cooley

ONE: Good morning, God. We gather with all your creatures in this circle of life.

**ALL: We ask to see how you join our circle and celebrate with us.**

ONE: Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all Creation, ...

**ALL: We ask your blessing on all living things.**

ONE: In the name of God who creates all life;

In the name of Jesus Christ who redeems all life,

And the name of the Spirit who renews all life, ...

**ALL: ...We praise You.**

**Hymn**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.***

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.*

**[Refrain]**

*The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.*

**[Refrain]**

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.*

**[Refrain]**

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

**[Refrain]**

**Blessing of the Animals (in unison)**

**Holy God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God’s servant Francis who saw you in all living things. Amen.** *(Please remain seated. Pastors will move through the crowd to bless the pets.)*

**Prayer of the People**

Lisa Cooley

**The Lord’s Prayer (from the Maori People of Polynesia )**

Lisa Cooley

**Eternal Spirit of God, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, that will never end, now and forever. Amen.

**Special Music** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Helen Lemmel  
*featuring Phil Knapp*

**Scripture** Numbers 22: 22a—32 Rev. Chris Lane  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *An UnDignified Witness Series:*  
"Listen to The Donkey" Rev. Chris Lane

**Giving Gifts We've Brought for God** Rev. Linda Stephan  
**Mission Spotlight—Mobility Worldwide**  
*(hosts will circulate with buckets, QR code for online giving on front of bulletin)*

**Hymn** "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"  
*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon,  
Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

**Parting Blessing** Rev. Chris Lane

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

Liturgist: Lisa Cooley

Music: Phil Knapp, Sue Cobb

A/V Team: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone

Greeters: Stephen Ministry Team

Set-Up Team Leader: Dan Ahrns



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**Thank you  
for joining us today!**



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