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SEPT 5/6 2026
CREATION IN CHRIST

Welcome to Worship

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Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING LITANY (from Genesis 1):

Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world. We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos, and for light and dark, we bless you, O God:

We bless you, O God.

For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, and for the cycle of evening and morning, we exalt you, O God:

We exalt you, O God.

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God:

We magnify you, O God.

For the sun to rule the day, for the moon to brighten the night, and for the shining stars, we extol you, O God:

We extol you, O God.

For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air, and for the monsters in the deep, we glorify you, O God:

We glorify you, O God.

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock, and for everything that creeps on the earth, we adore you, O God:

We adore you, O God.

For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth, and for providing us food to eat, we worship you, O God:

We worship you, O God.

Bless us, your creatures. Accept our praise, and make us worthy of your marvelous creation. We praise you, O God:

We praise you, O God.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever.

Amen.



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KID (9 AM)

LESSON: Acts 17:22-28

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION:



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-5

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "To Live and Move and Have Our Being" by Pastor Connie Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY: Crashing Waters at Creation

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Leader/Choir

All

All

All

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore-told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.



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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

God of mercy and grace...

Hear our prayer

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Brother Sun, Sister Moon"..... Campbell
Summer Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.

OFFERTORY: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty, vs 1

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**"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."
Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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 and ever. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*



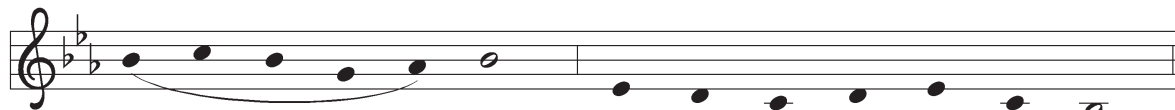
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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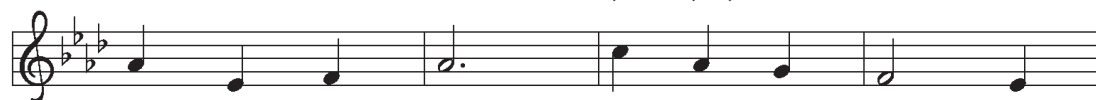
SENDING

BENEDICTION:

Creator God bless you and keep you. Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy. Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Earth and All Stars, vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

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1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!



Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Ath - lete and band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE