

Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Deborah Harkins, Wendy Blake, Helen Haberneck, Erin Haberneck, Carrol Marshall, David McKinney, Mike Duncan, Theo Weger and his parents Daniel and Christiana, Gus and Pat McKinney, Phillip and Caroline McKinney, Martha Pound, Lesha Justus, Eveline Horrell, Judy Weger, Conner Miller, Bobby Teague, the Wyatt family, Joe Davenport, Shirley Hise, the family of Lisa Jo McMahan, Sam Deyton, Heather English, Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, Cathy Fullerton.

Announcements:

We invite the men of the church to sing the anthem with us on Father's Day June 18th. We will practice that morning at 9:00. We will be singing hymn 522 in the blue hymnal if you want to prepare ahead of time.

Session will meet Sunday June 25 at 2:00

The art work in the bulletin is by South African artist Magrit Prigge. Magrit shares this about her work. She says, "I hope that my art will move people to meditate on that which is beneath the surface; that they will perceive that divine, life-giving force which is God in whom we have our being." and that my art may open the eyes of my fellow men to the understanding of a life of fullness and freedom. "To picture life in colour, composition, soul expression, spirituality be it abstract or realistic." "To send love, light, hope and peace into the darkness of the human heart."

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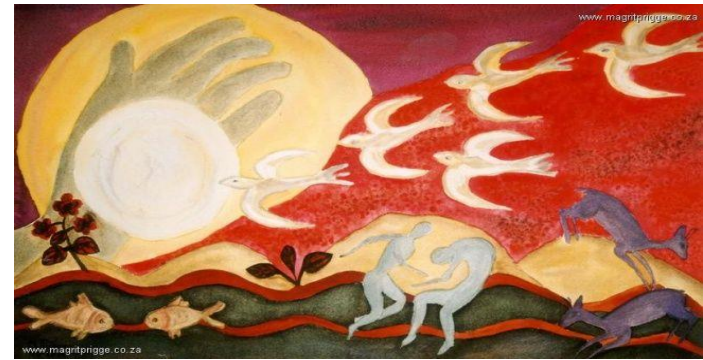
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June 11, 2017

We Worship, We Share, We Serve

Announcements and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prelude: *So I Send You*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Worship God with gladness; Come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that made us, and we belong to God.

We are God's people;

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;

Enter God's courts with praise!

Give thanks to God, bless God's name;

For the Lord is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever;

God's faithfulness to all generations.

**Hymn of Praise—138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have been created for goodness by you, Artist of all things, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us. But you have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment.

(A moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *People Need the Lord*

Second Lesson

Psalm 8

Sermon:

Creation Sings

Pastor Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—554 Let All Things Now Living*

***Affirmation of Faith—A Brief Statement of Faith**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Holy, Holy (140)*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Like the gifts of creation, we are but steward of all we possess. And like the gifts of creation, they are not to be hoarded, but shared with the hungry, the lonely, the lost, the struggling. As we offer our gifts, receive our thanks and praise in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Hymn of Sending—143 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

***Charge and Benediction**

**Please stand if you are able.*