

Ask

August 1, 2021 | 9:00am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

** indicates to please stand as able*

Gathering & Greeting

***Introit**

Morning Has Broken¹

UMH #145

Hymn by Eleanor Farjeon, Tune: BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

***Call to Worship²**

based on Psalm 8, Genesis 1

"O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the
earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens."

We gather to praise you!

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the
earth..."**

"O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the
earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens."

We gather to celebrate you!

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the
earth...And God saw that is was good..."**

"O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the
earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens."

We gather to worship you!

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the
earth..."**

And God saw that is was very good..."

We gather to worship our God!

***All praise, honour, majesty and power
belongs to our Creating God! Amen!***

***Hymn of Praise**

God Who Stretched
the Spangled Heavens³

UMH #150

Hymn by Catherine Cameron, Tune: HOLY MANNA

God who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant
hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Small Talk

Choral Anthem

Come, Now is the Time
to Worship

Chancel Choir
arr. Mark Hayes

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5, NRSV

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

The Message

Ask:
“Religion vs. Science”

Rev. Robert Clark

Are science and religion compatible?

***Hymn of Response** Praise the Source
of Faith and Learning⁴

FWS #2004

Hymn by Thomas Troeger, Tune: HYFRYDOL

Praise the Source of faith and learning that has sparked
and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning how the world has been
designed.

Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we
survey
keep our faith forever growing
and renew our need to pray

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and
our art
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth
impart.

Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot
sound
where your purpose for creation
and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our
thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder which the an-
cient prophets taught.

May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith
can breed

lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
till converging, they deliver one coherent steady flow,

blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you,
their source.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

Remember this: God created us in God's image, and God calls creation good. Have confidence that in Jesus, God Incarnate, we are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen.

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Offertory

Kim Spivey

Doxology

tune: Old 100th

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The pastor gives thanks for this day, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes:

For your grace and for all your mercies toward us,
we join your people on earth and all the company of
heaven in proclaiming your praise:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

In remembrance of all your mighty acts on our behalf,
we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The bread and wine (grape juice) are given to the people, with these or similar words exchanged:

The body/blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Prayer and Partnership

Altar Rail Offerings support the Holding Institute in Laredo, TX. In partnership with the United Methodist Women, the Holding Institute responds to the needs of women, children, youth, and families: to encourage health and wellness, to empower education, to improve community, and to invite discipleship. They are currently facing financial strain, and need help to continue their immigration services, senior services, medical and COVID related assistance, and food ministries.

*Hymn

Love Round

Love, love, love, love. Christians, this is your call to love your neighbor as yourself for God loves us all!

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Benediction Hymn**

1. Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)

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2. Call to Worship written by Joan Stott

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3. God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Catherine Cameron

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4. Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

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