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## **WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

### **GREETING – Psalm 118: 24**

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **GATHERING MUSIC: This Is The Day #84**

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made!

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**ALL: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.**

One: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**ALL: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.**

One: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**ALL: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.**

### **\*HYMN To You, O God, All Creatures Sing #17 verses 1, 2, 4**

To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything  
sings your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam,  
your silver moon with softer gleam sings your praises,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky  
sing your praises, alleluia! Your morning rises with a song,  
and lights of evening sing along, sing your praises,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way,  
sings your praises, alleluia, As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth  
your glory and your power, singing praises,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**\* UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**ALL:** Holy God, you have declared that the created universe is good. You have declared that we, among your creatures are known and loved. We give thanks for each new day. We offer ourselves and our will that we may seek you in this community and in the beauty of creation. So open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, here and now, ever in your creation, and ever beyond it in eternity. Amen.

One: We pray as Jesus taught us

**ALL:** 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE**

**SCRIPTURE Genesis 1: 1- 2: 4 New Revised Standard Version**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and

indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE**

**GOOD!**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength

**ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all of our offerings

**ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen**

**\*HYMN**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

**#28**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light ,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

### **\*COMMISSION**

One: Now as we as we prepare to leave this place, let us pray for the Spirit to open our eyes anew to the beauty all around us.

**ALL: May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch God's glory evident in all creation.**

One: And let us see the beauty of all our brothers and sisters, and in ourselves.

**ALL: For although we may be broken and flawed, we are all created in God's image.**

One: We will leave the building, but we are still the church, the body of Christ.

**ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*SUNG BENEDICTION**

#### **Worship resources:**

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## Announcements:

**Flowers Donated by: Helen Yohe “For the birthday celebration of our Daughter-in-law, Gloria.”**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 3, 2021** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. However, some local churches select another date. NIN contributions can be made online at any time.

**Kathleen Campbell will be 90 on September 25<sup>th</sup>**- She would like a card shower her address is Oak Leaf Manor North, Room D8, 2101 Wabank Road  
Millersville, PA 17551

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be October ----- from 6-9pm.** Bring your own craft or come to chat.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> is World Communion Sunday** and we would like to decorate with treasures from around the world. Do you have an item from your travels to share? Please bring them to church next Sunday, September 26. \* Mark clearly with your name.

**THE NEXT GUILD MEETING-** Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm

**We have posted a wish list in the Narthex-** Can you help with an item or more?

**A BIG thanks to everyone who helped with our Chicken Barbeque and Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday!!**

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.**

**Please contact Pastor Patty** if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: [Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

**Thank You for your continued support of our ministry.** Checks may be mailed to the church: 450 West Main St Mountville, PA 17554, or click on the Donate button on our website

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