Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning!

PRELUDE

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

O God, who called all life into being,
The Earth, sea, and sky are yours.
Your presence is all around us,
Every atom is full of your energy.
Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
With her we yearn for justice to be done,
For creation to be freed from bondage,
For the hungry to be fed, for captives to be released,
We pray for your way of peace to come on earth. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

HYMN Morning Has Broken BUNNESSAN

1 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!

2 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 God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 104:10-18, 27-28,30

You, O God, made the springs into rivers that flow between the mountains.
All the animals drink their fill from them, and the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
Beside them the birds of the air make their nests;
   among the branches they lift their voice.
From your dwelling on high, you water the mountains;
   the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.
You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants to serve humankind;
   that they may bring forth food from the earth,
wine to gladden human hearts, oil to make the face shine,
   and bread to strengthen the human heart.
The trees of the Lord are well supplied, the cedars of Lebanon that you planted,
   in which the birds build their nests, while the stork makes the fir trees its dwelling.
The high hills belong to the mountain goats,
   and the stony cliffs are a refuge for the badgers.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
   you open your hand, and they are filled with good things....
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
   and so you renew the face of the earth.

PRAYER FOR AWARENESS AND INTENTION

Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky (1821–1881)

Lord, may we love all your creation, all the earth and every grain of sand in it.
May we love every leaf, every ray of your light.
May we love the animals;
   you have given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled.
Let us not trouble it; let us not harass them,
   let us not deprive them of their happiness, let us not work against your intent.
For we acknowledge unto you that all is like an ocean, all is flowing and blending,
   and that to withhold any measure of love from anything in your universe
is to withhold that same measure from you. Amen.
May the peace of God be with you!

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Dona Nobis Pacem

**A CONTEMPORARY READING**

*Julian of Norwich, from Iona Worship Book*

I saw that God is everything that is good and encouraging.

God is our clothing
that wraps, clasps, and encloses us
so as never to leave us.

God showed me in my palm a little thing as round as a ball about the size of a hazelnut.

I looked at it with the eye of my understanding
and asked myself: "What is this thing?"
And I was answered: "It is everything that is created."
I wondered how it could survive since it was so little
it could suddenly disintegrate into nothing.

The answer came: “It endures and will ever endure because God loves it.”

And so everything has being because of God’s love.

**REFLECTION**

Rev Heidi Weatherford

**HYMN 233**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Living in the light of Christ,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation:
God of new life, you renew us daily through your baptismal promises.
Guide us in all we do, that your power may shine in our words and deeds.

We pray for the health of all bodies of water,
of all ecosystems, for our atmosphere,
that in the clear waters, fertile lands, and clean air you have created,
we may see your love for all your creatures.

*Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.*
Fairest Lord Jesus v. 2
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robbed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

For all who live directly by the bounty of earth:
    for those who sow seeds, raise livestock, and catch fish;
    for people who work in processing plants and factories
    or manufacture farm implements;
    for people who pack and haul and sell their vegetables, fruits, and meats.
Bless them in their labor for the sake of all who depend on them for food.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Fairest Lord Jesus v. 3
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

For all governments:
    for our president, our governor, our local civic leaders, city councils, for county
    commissioners, for mayors, and for all who vote.
Give wisdom to our people, that we will choose leaders
    who will serve the needs of your earth and it's inhabitants

For all people who are in distress:
    those who are hurting, those who worry,
    those who are sick, those in need of a friend;
    for those we know need prayer and
    for all whose names are known only to you.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Fairest Lord Jesus v. 4
Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
    trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who taught us when praying to say:

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Maori, from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and 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!  
May 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 trials 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, now and forever. Amen.

Fairest Lord Jesus v. 1  
Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING  
For what are you thankful today? Where and how can you give back to God?

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DOXOLOGY  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!  
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
This Little Light of Mine

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Today's Service  
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