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17. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship (See Insert)*

Litany of Repentance and Longing for the Feast of St. Francis:

In the beginning, the Spirit moved over the deep;
new life daily unfolding at God's call.

Darkness and light: Very Good.

Skies, lands, and seas: Very Good.

The earth and all that fills it—plants and rocks,
the finned, the feathered, the furry: Very Good.

At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness
in care for God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we have
exploited earth and its creatures.**

We have misunderstood our calling
to be protectors of God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we
have exploited earth and its creatures.**

We long for new relationships with God's creation
that has been entrusted to us.

**Help us, God, to make a new community
with all that lives alongside us.**

May the merciful God who calls us
to tend earth and all its creatures,
deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving,
so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace
with all living things; in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 740 God of the Sparrow Verses 1-5

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

God of Creation, give us hope for the new life we know is possible. Renew our commitments to one another, and to the Earth we share. Help to shoulder our burdens so that we may continue to walk in the ways that you have called us, together; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Word

First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-4

Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 137 (Read Responsively)

¹ By the rivers of Babylon—

**there we sat down, and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.**

² On the willows^[a] there

we hung up our harps.

³ For there our captors

asked us for songs,

and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,

“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

⁴ How could we sing the LORD’S song

in a foreign land?

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

let my right hand wither!

⁶ Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,

if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem

above my highest joy.

Gospel Acclamation: *ELW#801 Change my Heart, O God.*

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Response: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Response to Reading: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: *ELW 508 As Rain from the Clouds*

Profession of Faith:

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptises this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of Intercession:

... God, who listens to every living thing,
Help us listen as you do.

... God, in whom all creation subsists,
Help us listen as you do.

... God, to whom all creation responds,
Help us respond to you.

... God, to whom all creation responds,
Help us respond to you.

... God, who is present with your creation,
Help us be present too.

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Help us be present too.

... God, who listens to every living thing,
Help us listen as you do.

Lord's Prayer:

We pray together as Jesus taught us,

Our Father in Heaven hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom Come, your will be done, On Earth as in Heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive, those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever, Amen.

Offertory:

Hymn: Let the Vineyards ELW 182

Meal

The Creator be with you and all creation.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to join creation in thanking God.

Communion and Distribution:

Please follow the new instructions

Benediction Blessing:

Sending Hymn: ELW 731 Earth and All Stars

Dismissal:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Donations can be dropped off at the Church from now until Thanksgiving. **LAST WEEK!**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday October 3 – **Bible Study** at 2 pm

Sunday October 9 – **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Special offerings that day will go to CLWR in support of World Food Day.

Please use the special envelopes or mark your regular envelope “Thanksgiving”

Sunday October 30 – We will be celebrating the **Reformation** at the 10:30 service.

Please plan to attend this service and a luncheon after. Details to follow.

Sunday November 6 – **All Saints’ Sunday** with **Holy Communion**

AED (Defibrillator) – Volunteers needed for training.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: Please check your Email in-box or your mail from Canada Post.

TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR: Isabel Neeb, Eberhard Poelzl, Grace Mueller, Marlene Sams and Ruby, Gladys Souliere, David Neumann, Stephen Kovacs, Jennifer Cherewka, Patty Davis and Maya James.