



Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:30 online worship Blessing of the Animals

This service is always so popular in the summer. We didn't want to forget it even though we aren't gathering for worship in person yet. During worship we typically bless our pet or a picture of them and give God thanks for them. This can be for a current pet or a pet that has passed or other animals and critters that bring your joy. We have been asking people to send us a picture of their pets or animals for the last few weeks.

Thank you to everyone who sent us pictures! We celebrate you and your creatures as well as those who were not able to send pictures. Blessings!

GUESTS, Welcome to worship. To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs

If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, pastorkris@unionucc.org

Our next new member information session will be held on September 13 and 20 You will be welcomed as members in worship on Sunday, September 27. If you are interested in attending classes for new members let us know and we'd be glad to send you more information. Please contact Pastor Kris with any questions.

We believe in extravagant welcome. We believe in God's inclusive love. We start worship with a greeting that reflects that welcome and love.

***Leader: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and on faith's journey
ALL: you are welcome here.***

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PRELUDE

Consolation No. 3 in D-Flat Major

Franz Liszt

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

L No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey
and faith's journey

C You are welcome here.

Hymn

GOLD HYMNAL #5 Morning Has Broken

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 his 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!

CALL TO WORSHIP

① As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world declaring that God called the created universe "good."

We are called to bring this hope in God with us wherever we go declaring that God makes all things new again.

Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another. So let's join together in our love of God to worship and give thanks.

~ posted on **The Minor Keys**. <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>

PRAYER

ALL: Lord you give life to life!

**From Day One,
your Spirit brooding over the deep,
your wind rushing, your breath filling.**

**As creatures of the earth,
we inhale your grace,
rejoicing in life abundant.**

**We use our breath, our being
to raise this hymn of praise:**

**Hallelujah to the sun's hot passion
embracing the ground's great shoulders!**

**Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant
greening the earth; its fruit—beauty and food!**

**Hallelujahs for generations of life
tumbling one after another,
life creeping, swimming, flying, running,**

**below, above, upon, within.
All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks
praise to God whose glory grows in all that breathes!**

**Fill us, enliven us to be ambassadors of life divine,
breathing out your song in harmony,
singing to our Creator,
whose Holy Spirit is unending, ageless, eternal
and ever new.**

~ written by Carol Penner

SCRIPTURE

The Shared Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 1: 20-25
New Revised Standard Version

Genesis 1:20-25

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

MESSAGE

The Gift of God's Creation

Rev. Patience Stevenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

MUSIC OFFERING

Vouchsafe, O Lord George Frideric Handel Alison Dyszel

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HYMN

BLACK HYMNAL # 556 God, Who Stretch the Spangled Heavens

- 1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

BENEDICTION

℟ Creator God— as we live and work in our homes,
workplaces, and communities,
may Your Spirit open our eyes anew
to the vastness and splendor of Your beauty all around us.
May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch
Your glory evident in all of Your creation.

Above all, let us see Your beauty
even in the brokenness of the people around us and in
ourselves—
all of us, created in Your image,
and show us how to create and to experience that Shalom
and wholeness
that you have for us.

We go now to love and serve you and each other. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Frederick C. Atkinson

Tune: Morecambe,