

Christ Church United Methodist



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Feast of Creation

September 6th Sunday | 15th Sunday after
Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Gift of Finest Wheat* arr. Callahan

***Call to Worship**

One: God began creating with the purpose,
possibility, and intention

**All: that all Creation would belong and
flourish together!**

One: As God continued creating

All: Living Word became flesh and light for all.

One: That Word lives among us

**All: Calling us to be salt and light for the
world.**

One: Holy Spirit, sweep through creation,
restoring and redeeming us as something new

**All: where purpose, possibility, and intention
let all things belong and flourish together,
amen.**

Modified from the original prayer in *Salt, Soil and Seawater* week
1, Call to worship by Nancy Victorin-Vangerud.

***Hymn of Praise HOW GREAT THOU ART**

77 How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

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Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

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3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

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Opening Prayer

**Creator God, with the ancients we rejoice, for
in wisdom you have made us all. The
mountains and seas, the skies and trees, we are
kin to all of these. Open our hearts to feel the
need of your world, open our ears to hear the
songs of resilience all beings sing, open our
minds to learn again what love of *all* means, in
the name of Christ, the Living Word, Amen.**

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Responsive Reading Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Your glory is chanted above the heavens.

by the mouths of babes and infants

**you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,

**the moon and the stars which you have
established;**

what are human beings that you are mindful of
them,

and mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than God

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of
your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Music of Preparation

Invocation Rollo Dillworth
The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson John 1:1-5

Sermon Feast of Creation: Seeing Christ
Pastor Beth Rambikur

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Nimrod* Edward Elgar

***Doxology** GREATOREX

71 Glory Be to the Father Glory

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***The Great Thanksgiving** (*adapted from UMC Book of
Worship, pages 64–65*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Creator, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Creator God, maker of heaven and earth.

From the earth you bring forth bread and ripen the fruit of the vine. From the sea you bring forth salt to heal and cleanse, prepare and preserve.

You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our holy God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, provided grapes and honey in the land of promise, and filled our nets with abundance. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of compassion and love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Beloved, Jesus Christ.

When we had turned aside from your way and broke your covenant, you redeemed us in Christ, your incarnate gift. Humbling yourself, you walked among us as brother, that our joy and sorrow might be fully known.

Christ fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet,

and offered this holy meal as a promise of his abiding presence.

By his baptism, his ministry, and his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said; “Take, eat; this is the bread of life, given for you. Whenever you eat remember me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you, this is the new covenant, by my love, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of New Creation. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as holy and living offerings, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ is with us yet.

Pour your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and drink. Make them be the abiding presence of Jesus Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ for all.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one with the whole of your living Creation, until the feast is fulfilled in hope and flourishing for all.

Through your Beloved Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Creator God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.

Come, give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice,
So when you call your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

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2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

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3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

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5. You give yourself to us, O Lord:
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

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The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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

***Sending Hymn** LORD OF THE DANCE

261 *Lord of the Dance*

1. I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

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Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance
and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on.

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4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

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5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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***Benediction** ON EAGLES WINGS

143 *On Eagle's Wings*

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Postlude *Festive Processional* David Lasky

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“Lord of the Dance”

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“On Eagle's Wings

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Upcoming Events

Remember you can find all our activities online at ccumtucson.org

- **September 12th – 1:00pm** Charlie Sellman's service
- **September 19th – 7:30-9:00pm** Moonlit tram ride and walk in Sabino Canyon. **RSVP to Karen Messmore** [520-299-5528](tel:520-299-5528).
- **September 20th – Children's Church and Creation festival and potluck!**
- **October 17th – 3:00-8:00pm** All Church Fall Retreat at Hacienda Retreat Center.
- **October 27th Church Conference at 7:00pm**