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September 20th | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Variations on TERRA BEATA*
Austin C. Lovelace

***Call to Worship**

One: Praise God from the sun and the moon!

All: Praise God, all who are God's messengers!

One: Praise God, in the highest heavens and to the depths of the sea!

All: Praise God and be strengthened as God's faithful ones!

One: May God's beautiful Creation inspire our worship.

All: May God's love inspire our song.

***Hymn of Praise**

HYMN TO JOY

89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,

Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer

**O Source of all life, whose breath stirs the stars
and whispers through the ancient saguaros,
draw us into the sacred rhythm of your
Creation's praise. May we see ourselves as kin,
woven into your vast tapestry. Teach us to
serve and protect this marvelous wonder we
call our world. Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the

heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise the Lord, all his host!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and all the waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created.

Who established them for ever and ever; and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!

Children's Moment

Music of Preparation

Spirit of Mercy, Truth and Love Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Job 38:1-7, 31-33, 41:1-7

Sermon Feast of Creation: Can you imagine?
Rev. Beth Rambikur

Music of Response LACQUIPARLE

148 Many and Great, O God

1. Many and great, O God, are thy things.

Maker of earth and sky.

Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;

Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at thy word the waters were formed;

Deep seas obey thy voice.

2. Grant unto us communion with thee,

Thou star abiding one;

Come unto us and dwell with us;

With thee are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end,

Eternal life with thee.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *People Need the Lord* Mark Hayes

***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**

***Sending Hymn** TERRA BEATA

144 This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;

in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.

O let me ne'er forget

that though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world:

why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King;

let the heavens ring!

God reigns; let the earth be glad!

***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

Passacaglia

Gordon Young

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