



Peaceable Kingdom
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Season of Creation Sunday

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

***Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word** Jewel Aagaard
Director of Faith Formation

Prelude "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Covenant Life Dr. Kyle Allen

*During our morning announcements,
please take time to pass and sign the friendship pads.*

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Introit "All Creatures of Our God and King"
arr. Jay Althouse

***Call to Worship** (Job 12:7-10) Rhea Haner

One: But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;

**All: or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
or let the fish in the sea inform you.**

One: Which of all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?

**All: In God's hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all humankind.
Let us worship the Lord!**

***Hymn of Praise, #20** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Call to Confession Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

Prayer of Confession (*unison prayer*)

We confess to you this day, O God, that at times we can be a faithless people. We are the work of your hand, but often we ignore your guidance. We claim your handiwork as our own and abuse it. Instead of listening to what the heavens declare about you and singing with them, we raise our fists and shout back. Humble us, O God. Teach us how to be the servants of your creation; teach us how to live with our fellow creatures. Through your grace, forgive us and remake us in the image of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response, Hymn #14 (verses 1, 4) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Time with Our Children Kathy Barnhill, Rhea Haner

***Passing of the Peace** (*Greet one another, "Peace be with you."*)

*Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship
and will return during the last hymn.*

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:6-13 (Pew Bible, OT p. 645)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Turning a Leaf"

Hannah Anderson

***Affirmation of Faith¹**

Kevin Aagaard

The world is not a random accident, nor is it valueless matter waiting for us to give it significance. It is, rather, the concrete expression of God's hospitable love making room for what is not God...The love operating among the Three Persons is the same love that creates, sustains, and redeems the world. If we want to know what creaturely life looks like, what it means and what it is for, we must look to the life of the Triune God...Trinitarian creation means that life is founded upon an unending sharing and receiving of each other, a perpetual "making room" within ourselves for others to be. Rather than a possession, life is a gift – a movement of self-offering and receiving love.

Anthem

"This Is My Father's World"

arr. Robert Lau

Nurturing

Celebration of Giving²⁺

Offertory

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Frank Stoldt

***Doxology, #609**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession³
with the Lord's Prayer**

Derek O'Dell

(Hymnal, p. 35)

Reaching

***Hymn**

"The Earth Is the Lord's"

(Tune: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.

By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,

We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.

Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.

Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.

You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.

We fail to remember its beauty and worth.

We take from creation much more than we need,

We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response, #36 (verse 1)**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Trinity Chimes

Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.

Postlude

"Toccata for Harvest"

Martin Setchell

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: Our Prelude today, "We Plow the Fields and Scatter," may not be as familiar, but it is a wonderful hymn tune. I'll share the lyrics with you: "We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain." Refrain: "All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love." Our Offertory, "For the Fruit of All Creation," gives thanks to God for the material blessings He has given us and declares our intention to follow God's will in the generous use of those blessings.

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs. **Children's bulletins and activity bags are available** on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

Following worship, please join us in Heritage Hall for a reception with an opportunity to meet Hannah Anderson and explore her books on display.

**The flowers in the chancel today are given by the Earth Care Team
to the glory of God and in celebration of
"All Things Bright and Beautiful."**

Elder of the Month: Carol Merritt **Deacon of the Month:** Ellen Jones
Assistant Deacon of the Month: Kevin Aagaard

In Our Prayers ... Congregation: Audrey Bashlor, Christine Beck, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jay Hylton, Jerry Lawson, Mike Miller, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families

Family & Friends: Greg Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Andrew Craig, Jackie Rose, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Jim Haugen, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Kathy Roberts, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Joe Wallace, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India, Mission co-workers Tyler & Rochelle Holm and the people of Malawi, Jim McGill (Niger)

1-Norman Wirzba, *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*; 2-Excerpted from justfaith.org.
3-Adapted from *Laudato Si – Praise Be to You: On Care for Our Common Home* (2015 Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis).

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