



**Galena United Methodist Church September 12, 2021**

**Sacred Earth: Sacred Work 10:30 am**

**Week 2. "Spirit of Compassion"**

*The pulse of creation is singing the goodness of God & God's gift of goodness in all things. We become more aware of the beauty of all that is & tap into gratitude as our first task in creating more goodness in the world.*

*A Worship Design Studio series adaptation in collaboration with the Creation Spirituality Communities Working Group*

Liturgist: Roger Hervey

Greeter: Kay & Dietrich Kroencke

\*Please stand as possible, body &/or Spirit

## **We Gather in the Spirit**

**Prelude** *Morning Has Broken* UMH #145 Cody Clayton

**Welcoming and Sharing Opportunities for Ministry** Pastor Catiana

**\* Threshold Moment** *Gathered Here* By Phil Porter

***Gathered here in the mystery of this hour***

***Gathered here in one strong body***

***Gathered here in the struggle and the power. Spirit draw near***

*To worship is to heighten and expand our attention to God, to others, and to the world around us.  
We open all our senses in a special way – seeing the Divine in all things and in every direction.*

We experience God's loving presence in many ways, all around us  
and in all places. Every day is the dawn of new beginnings, and the renewing breath of life.

***All: May we be bearers of God's light and share messages of hope.***

*Spirit draw near*

We ask Spirit to stir compassion in us.

And help us to know the power of transformation possible with God.

***All: With open hearts, we pray for the energy to share God's love in the world each day.***

*One: We give thanks to the Source of All Being for the waters of our body and the earth.*

***All: Wellspring of Divine Wisdom, satisfy our thirst in the parched places in your world.***

***May we be filled up and spill over with your loving presence.***

*Leader: We are grateful for the firm foundation of our Creator's unconditional love.*

***All: As spirit-in-flesh beings, we pray for God's help to live out love.***

*Leader: As we share the light of Christ with one another, May we remember that all is sacred.*

***All: Garden of Grace, your gifts abound, the sacred signs of your presence are all around. Help us to  
remember the whole earth is holy ground.***

***Gathered here in the mystery of this hour***

***Gathered here in one strong body***

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And all God's people said, "Amen!"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of Heav’n to earth come down;  
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
 All thy faithful mercies crown!  
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
 Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
 Visit us with Thy salvation,  
 Enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
 Let us all Thy life receive;  
 Suddenly return, and never,  
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing,  
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

3. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
 Into every troubled breast!  
 Let us all in Thee inherit;  
 Let us find that second rest.  
 Take away our bent to sinning;  
 Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its beginning,  
 Set our hearts at liberty.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
 Pure and spotless let us be;  
 Let us see Thy great salvation  
 Perfectly restored in Thee;  
 Changed from glory into glory,  
 Till in Heav’n we take our place,  
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*One:* It is through the work of spiritual practice that we move beyond fear into compassion and discover our deep and true selves. Engaging in spiritual practices—whether that looks typically religious (like praying) or not (like walking) have *intentionality* in common. They draw us closer to the Creator and who we were created to be—free and compassionate beings. What practices in your life draw you closer to your true essence and closer to compassion for others?

**\*Praying**

*Compassionate God,*  
 You who know our hearts and love us without condition,  
 create in us desire to see your essence within us  
 so that we might see that in others,  
 and honor your holy presence in all things.  
 We praise you for this place, this day, this people, this planet.  
 And all God’s people say, **Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace of the Risen Christ**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you.      **All:**    **And also with you**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**Listening**

Praise the LORD! Let my whole being praise the LORD!  
 I will praise the LORD with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.  
**Psalm 146:1-2,**

*One:* We create space to explore how God is working in and through us and all of the universe to renew each day every direction. Each moment offers opportunity to express our God-gifted creativity. We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work and encourage us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.

**Preparing for the Word**

*Cosmic Hymn of Praise (vs. 1 & 2)*

Michael Mangan

1. Sun and moon, praise God. Shin - ing stars, — praise God.  
 2. All the earth, praise God. Deep - est o - ceans praise God.  
 High - est heav - ens, praise — God. Let all cre - a - tion sing.  
 Wind and fire, — praise — God. Let all cre - a - tion sing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lift your voice-es! Join cre - a - tion's cos - mic hymn of praise.

### Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 1:26-28

Common English Bible (CEB)

Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

God created humanity in God’s own image,  
 in the divine image God created them,  
 male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.”

### Gospel Reading

Mark 12: 28-34

Common English Bible (CEB)

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

Jesus replied, “The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these.”

The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides God. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This is a Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

All creation is a word of God.

**All creation speaks volumes of God.**

### Creation is Dancing

*Dance with the Spirit*

Jim Strathdee



Dance With The  
 Spirit \_ creation.mp4

### Reflecting on God’s Word

*Let Love Be Genuine*

Pastor Catiana

## We Respond in Faith

### Invitation for Prayer

*We recognize with open hearts the pain that coexists with goodness and gratitude. We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve and to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer, letting go of our fear that can make things worse at times.*

I invite you to imagine a letting go of concerns and fears into the loving embrace of the Spirit who transforms all things. As we let go and open up, we see that now our hands and hearts are more ready to hold, with love, the concerns of others and the pain of the world.

We remember and hold with love... *congregational, community and world concerns listing names, places, occurrences, etc.*

We also remember and hold with love these things lifted aloud from this gathered body... I invite you to place your hands now on your heart. In this silence we lift up all those things difficult to put into words, but felt in the depths of our hearts...

**Prayer Song** *Let Our Earth Be Peaceful #3159 W & S Vs. 1 & 2 Shirley E. Murray/Carlton Young*  
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1. Let our earth be peace - ful, let our hearts be  
2. Let our ways be mind - ful, mend - ing what is  
3. Let our lives be fruit - ful, beau - ti - ful and



hope - ful, let our hands be gen - tle  
hurt - ful, do - ing what is need - ful  
play - ful, ev - ery day be thank - ful



for the love of God.  
for the love of God.  
for the love of God.

### Prayers of the People

You are invited to share your prayer request by leaving your prayer on the prayer card in your pew or through an email, call, or text to Pastor Catiana.

Prayers will be added to our prayer requests unless you indicate otherwise.

Prayer is at the very heart of the ecumenical movement. Jesus prayed that we – his followers – may all be one. When we pray with and for one another, we can feel God’s gift of unity. Prayer sustains us on our way towards a unity that all can see, “so that the world may believe”. (John 17:21)

This week from the World Council of churches prayer cycle, we lift Ghana & Nigeria

Let us center our prayers on our world...Our country.....natural disasters.. floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires.....; our community..... you’re prayers are in your bulletin. Turn to our prayer page.....

**Prayer of Jesus:** *Our God has many names. You are invited to address God in your native language or in the form closest to your heart as we join in the prayer of Jesus:*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.**

FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

Sung: **3. Let our lives be fruitful, beautiful and playful,  
Everyday be thankful for the love of God.**

### **Offering our Gifts**

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above.

May God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness.

May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.

*There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.*

### **Ministry Moment**

from your Mission Team, Sherry Marc

**UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE  
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United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

**“Change for the Better”** Mujila Falls Agricultural Research Center, Zambia (#15016A)  
The Mission choice for Change for the Better this quarter, July, August, and September.  
Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training.  
(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

**\*Singing our Thanksgiving** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94 Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. By Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978/Music: Geistlich Kirchengesungen, 1823;harm. By Vaughn Williams  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All:** Ever Creating God, we pause to bring ourselves and our resources to contribute to your work.  
Accept our offerings of time and skill, listening and speaking.  
May they help spread your care and attention we pray. Amen.

### **We Go Forth in God's Spirit Embodying Compassion**

*We pray for movement within our own hearts to embody peace and passion—compassion and power—on behalf of spreading goodness throughout the week. We not at the mercy of “the way it is,” but can claim our agency to be fully present and fully active in the world into which we now go.*

**\*Closing Song** *They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love* Words/Music: Peter Scholtes  
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**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

## Dismissal and Benediction

**The Benediction Song**      *The Trees of the Field!*      FWS #2279      Words: Steffi Geiser Ruben  
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**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountain and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. \*\***

**--the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.\*\***

**--the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.\*\*-**

**While you go out with joy!**

**Postlude**      *You Are Holy*      Words and music Per Harling 1991 copyright © 1991 by Per Harling  
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**After the service, please join us downstairs & in the Memorial Garden for  
coffee. Begin signing up for coffee Hour - sheet in the hallway.**

DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
September 12	Roger Hervey	Dietrich & Kay Kroencke	
September 19	Dave Biegon	Pat Willy	
September 26	Lynn Sisler	Charlene Price	

**Galena Historical Society-1<sup>st</sup> Steeple Chase  
Galena's Historic Church Tour**

**St Michael's Catholic Church, Galena United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church,**

**Grace Episcopal Church, St Mary's Catholic Church**

**Friday and Saturday September 24 and 25, 2021 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**We need from our congregation Tour Guides and Presence for two time slots each day.**

**Each Church will need at least 3 volunteers working each shift. Shifts will be Friday & Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-4:30pm.**

**We are also writing the script for or church.**

**Please let me know if you haven't already, when you are available.**

**Thank you, Pastor Catiana**

**TICKETS** are \$25 each; \$30 if purchased after Sept. 15; children under 10 are free with an adult. Tickets—good for either day—may be purchased on Tour weekend at the Galena & U.S. Grant History Museum on Friday or Saturday (9-4:30 pm). They are NOT available at each Church. Advance tickets (non-refundable) are available at the Museum or by calling 815.777.9129. To buy online visit: [galenahistory.org/event/steeple-chase](http://galenahistory.org/event/steeple-chase)

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**COUNTRY FAIR SIGN-UP TIME!** It's time to start signing up as a volunteer for the Country Fair which will be **October 9 & 10!** Our church receives \$10 per hour per worker shift! We continue to increase the amount of money our church receives so let's keep the trend going! There is a poster with sign up information in the hallway leading to fellowship hall! Please look at the opportunities! **SIGN-UP BY AUGUST 31** If you volunteered in the past and want the same shift and booth sign up early! Your church rep is Pat Willy and she can be reached at 815-776-0897 or email at [jpwilly13@gmail.com](mailto:jpwilly13@gmail.com)



**SEPTEMBER**

- 13 Nyla Goken**
- 16 Jessica Bader**
- 24 Wayne Turner**
- 29 Janette Bader**

## PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Please hold our people in prayer as COVID continues to shift in variance and strength. May we realize that vaccinations are critical for the health and well being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others. Prayers of thanks for the vaccine and for those who continue to encourage others to be vaccinated.

Hold our dear members and friends who passed away this last year and their families in prayer. Bill Hottenstein, GUMC's former neighbor; Richard Burlingame, a friend of many; Esther Lieberman; Frank Netzel, a beloved bell's player...please pray for his wife Ruth, family and friends. Continue prayers for Wayne Hughes' family--Karen, son Mike, grandson Justin, and great grandson Porter; and Carol & Ron Ericson's family. Nancy Lewis's husband, Roy and her father, Elden Glick, passed this summer. Continue to hold the family in prayer.

Prayers for Julie's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth: Prayers for Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner; Prayers for Bev DeBord's brother, Donnie Renner, who is now in hospice. Please hold Carolyn and Tom Grey in your prayers (2120 S. Monroe Street, Spokane, WA 99203). Prayers for Judy Biegon's cousin's immediate and extended families (Mary's husband, Dean). Cousin Karen and cousin Mary both passed away recently. Hold Judy's niece, Wendy in prayer for depression. Prayers for Judy's cousins Dean. Dave's sister, Judy Lopez, with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the Biegon's friend, Nancy Harrington for cataract surgery.

Continue to pray for Wayne and Mary Turner and their health issues. Wayne now has a feeding tube; Hold Charlene Price in prayer for healing (compression-fracture) following a fall; Marlene Niec is recovering from a fall; Continue prayers for Meg Gibs, recovering well from foot surgery; Prayers for Elisa Skeeter's family and neighbors; Hold Lonna and her daughter, Joni in prayer for health concerns; Betty Kabara's health; Daniel Saben, continued prayers as he awaits surgery; Cheryl and Jim White; Eileen Henrich, Pam McKinsey's mom, and Pam's sister, Melanie.

Please hold Sarah and Carter in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for Sarah's brother, Bill, who has cancer. Prayers for the Brotheridge family as Michelle has passed away; Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Bev DeBord; Dave and Annie Silaggi; Lisa and Terry Prindle; Janette Bader and family( 6481 N. Bowden Road, Scales Mound).

Prayers for Zambia's hunger-missionary, Betty Tsala and sons, Lanie and Shaun. Continued prayers for all detained/separated children, Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; and prayers for our United Methodist Church and its ministries.

Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence. May the peace of Christ prevail. Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

# Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed

## UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

### United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

#### OUR WORK

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

**Place UMCOR Disaster Response on your check**

#### RETURNED TO INDOOR MASKING

**Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Worship in our church**

**OR livestream the service on our website**

by clicking on the "Worship with Us" tab, on our Youtube at Galena UMC, and on our Facebook page at Galena UMC.

**SUNSHINE BOX:** Items are replenished as needed by the youth and their families.

**Here are some ideas you may collect for the Sunshine Box:** *mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, body wash, feminine products, baby wipes, body lotion face wash, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruit, Clorox wipes, kitchen sponges, dish detergent, garbage bags, ziplock bags, glass cleaner.*

### Sacred Earth, Sacred Work

**Six-week Worship Series began September 5th**

*When God began to create the heavens and the earth—the earth was without shape or form... and God's wind swept over the waters... God saw everything God had made: it was supremely good.* What if we lived life truly connected to the origins of Creation and the Creator? In the beginning God created all things and called them originally “good.” In this series we will explore six essential ideas found in Creation Spirituality—a way of living within the community of earth that deepens our reverence for life, participates in the creativity of the cosmos, and develops our passion for justice and human transformation. It compels us to lead lives of spiritual inquiry, creativity, and prophetic action as our sacred work in the world. Adapted from Worship Design Studio

# Sunday, September 26 2021 All Church Conference

Please plan on being with us for our All Church Conference (Charge Conference).

This is a time to evaluate the work of the church and a time to celebrate our ministries in our community, despite the difficulties and restrictions of the pandemic.

Superintendent, Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayerwill, be with us for our Galena Church Conference on Sunday, Sept. 26 during and after our worship service at 10:30 (Leadership Board meets 45 minutes prior to worship). The conference plan is to have all of the church conferences in person this year, however they will re-evaluate this if the CDC's COVID-19 guidance changes for our area.

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## Galena United Methodist Church

*By God's grace, the Galena United Methodist Church is the Body of Christ striving to fulfill Christ's Great Command to love God & love neighbor, & Christ's Great Commission to make disciples.*

Mission: "Love God" "Love Neighbor" "Make Disciples"



### Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network

*"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."*

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