



Galena United Methodist Church

October 3, 2021 10:30 am

World Communion Sunday

Sacred Earth: Sacred Work **Week 5. "Glorious Diversity"**

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

Liturgist: Owen Holcomb and Luke Holcomb

Greeters: Sherry and Bill Marc

*Please stand as possible, body &/or Spirit

We Gather in the Spirit

First Path: Gratitude

The first path invites us to celebrate! The pulse of creation is singing the goodness of God and God's gift of goodness in all things. We become more aware of the beauty of all that is and tap into gratitude as our first task in creating more goodness in the world.

Gathering

Morning Has Broken UMH #145 [tps://www.strathdeemusic.com/SingalongVideos.html](https://www.strathdeemusic.com/SingalongVideos.html)

Words: Eleanor Fareon, 1931/Music Trad. Gaelic melody; harm by Carlton Young, 1988 ©The UM Publishing

Welcome **Pastor Catiana**

Threshold Moment

Gathered Here Words/Music: Phil Porter with permission

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

We recognize that all things around us are full of God's glory.

Sung: Spirit draw near

Spirit of the East, guardian of wisdom,
You who move with the wind, we ask you to breathe new life into our spirits.

**Bless our space as you bless our gathering,
Celebrate with us, and be welcome always.**

(Repeat after each section)

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

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

Praising
In the Midst of New Dimensions” FWS 2238 Words/Music by Julian Rush (1985)

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
[Refrain] *God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,*
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
[Refrain] *God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,*
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.
[Refrain] *God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,*
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.
[Refrain] *God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,*
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.

Synopsis

Creation Spirituality rejoices in and courageously honors the rich diversity within the Cosmos which is expressed in every individual and embodies multiple cultures, religions, and ancestral traditions.

Creation is rife with theme and variation and yet fear has driven us to try to tame, label and homogenize it. What do we lose when we privilege dominant voices and limit perspectives? Diversity is another name for God and should be celebrated!

Praying

All-encompassing God,
You who burst forth in every kind and variety of species,
help us to see the incredible diversity that was your intention
so that we might come to love it all, honor it all, care for all.
We praise you for the beauty in every face, in every flower,
in every theme and variation.
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

2nd Path: Exclaiming the Divine Creative

Listening

This second path creates 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 to Listen

Cosmic Hymn of Praise (vs. 1 & 2) Michael Mangan

Cosmic Hymn Of Praise · Michael Mangan Setting Hearts On Fire © 2001 World Library Publications

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.

Bringing Words to Life

First Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

Common English Bible (CEB)

One: All people on the earth had one language and the same words. When they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other,

Two: “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them hard.” They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said, “Come, let’s build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let’s make a name for ourselves so that we won’t be dispersed over all the earth.”

One: Then the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the Lord said, “There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let’s go down and mix up their language there so they won’t understand each other’s language.”

Then the Lord dispersed them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel...

Two (randomly, repeated): “babble, babble, babble, babble”

One: ...because there the Lord mixed up the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord dispersed them over all the earth.

This is a Word of God.
All creation is a word of God.

Thanks be to God.
All creation speaks volumes of God.

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

CEB

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted,

“All who are thirsty should come to me!

All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me,

Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.”

Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn't experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn't yet been glorified.

This is a Word of God. Thanks be to God!

Our Epistle Reading is Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now.

And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope.

If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see?

But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness.

We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans.

The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. May God empower the Word in our hearing.

Reflecting on the Word

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.

As we prepare for our prayers, breath out that which fills your heart, making room for God to hold all that you release.

As the music begins, 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 Song *Let Our Earth Be Peaceful #3159 W & S Vs. 1 & 2 Shirley E. Murralt Young*

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Calvary Church, Arlington, MA



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
plov - 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

One: God of abundance, in your goodness you provide for all our needs. We thank you for your presence. Help us to rise above selfishness and greed and give us the courage to be agents of justice in the world. God of love, you created us in your image and have redeemed us in Christ. Empower us to love our neighbor and to welcome the stranger.

All: We join our hearts in prayer.

One: God of peace, you remain faithful to your covenant with us even when we wander from you, and in Christ you have reconciled us to yourself. May we recognize your presence and welcome your new spirit and new heart within us that we may reject violence and instead be servants of your peace.

All: We join our hearts in prayer.

One: God of glory, you are all-powerful, yet in Jesus you chose to make your home in a human family, and in the waters of baptism have adopted us as your children. As you are with us now, help us to remain faithful to our family commitments and our communal responsibilities, and to strengthen the bonds of communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

All: We join our hearts in prayer.

One: God of healing grace, we lift to your care members of our communities.

For all the sick (especially those on our prayer lists in our congregations, and those we say out loud or in our hearts at this time).

.....Here other intercessions may be offered.

One: God, One in Three Persons, in Christ you have made us one with you and with one another. We thank you for your presence now and by the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit, free us from the self-centredness, arrogance and fear that prevent us from striving towards the full visible unity of your Church.

All: We join our hearts in prayer for the world, and for ourselves. AMEN

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.

Moments for Mission

from your Mission Team

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed

Compelled by Christ...As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

United States Disaster Response and International Disaster Response

Our “**Change for the Better**” is Mujila Falls , aAgricultural 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)

ARC in Action Charline Price

***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**

One: The riches we have received we gladly share, in pursuit of peace in the world. May your blessing, O God, go with these gifts, and with each of us, as hope across borders that would divide. Amen.

We Celebrate the Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

The living Christ invites to this Holy Table Fellowship all who love God and desire to live in peace with one another and the world. Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all. In keeping with the safety measures of today, communion will be brought to you in the form of a wafer/cup combination. I invited to take the first top layer off, leaving an open cup. Hold your communion elements and we will take communion together at the indicated time.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your heart.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

God's communion table is open to all who wish to share in this feast of God's grace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give you thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Spirit

4th Path: Embodying Compassion and Power

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
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 our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah 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
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

*Blessing & Sending Forth

God sends us into the world, to accept the costs and And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. to discover the joy of discipleship.

Therefore, go – carry with you the peace of Christ, the love of God,
and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, in trial and rejoicing. Amen.

The Benediction Song

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Let us sing this song for the **TURNING** of the world
That we may **TURN** as one
With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along
And our lives will feel the echo of our **TURNING**
With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along
With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along
And our lives will feel the echo of our **TURNING**

Healing Dreaming Loving And our lives will feel the echo of our **LOVING**
And our lives will feel the echo of our **DREAMING**
And our lives will feel the echo of our **HEALING**
And our lives will feel the echo of our **TURNING**

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**After the service, please join us downstairs & in the Memorial Garden.
Begin signing up for coffee Hour - sheet in the hallway. Can be taken outdoors.**

DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
October 3 World Communion Sunday	Owen Holcomb Luke Holcomb	Sherry & Bill Marc	
October 10 October 17	Julie Eggleston B'Ann Dittmar	Lonna McDermott The Dittmar Family	
October 24	Sherry Marc	David & Annie Silaggi	

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

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.*

RETURNED TO INDOOR MASKING

**UMCOR Cleaning Kit (former FLOOD BUCKET) being collected
For Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Items or funds to purchase.**

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1 Deb Stodden
7 Tyler Sincock
7 Linda Schafer
8 Dennis Irwin
9 Stephanie Hoppe
10 Janet Eggleston
15 Lonna McDermott
16 Vanessa Fair



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

Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

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

Please welcome our Digital Ministry Production Intern, Rodrigo Marin, and his friend, Taylor, if you haven’t already. Both are students at the University of Wisconsin in Platteville.

Rodrigo Marin joined us the last week in August, working beside Julia Lieb, who developed the program and trained Rodrigo. He is a senior Fine Arts Major in graphic design at the University of Wisconsin in Platteville. He brings his gifts in digital media and “Pop Culture” thematic art. Rodrigo stated in his cover letter that “The opportunity to work as an intern would allow him to prepare himself for real life problems and career paths that wait for him when he graduates. He wants to branch out to different types of media. His skills, curiosity and passion are greatly appreciated here. What a joy to work with you! Thank you! Wonderful job!

PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for the people of Afghanistan; 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.

Beverly DeBords brother, Donald Renner, died and his visitation was Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Furlong Funeral Chapel. Bev's address is 112 N. West St., Galena. Please remember the DeBord Renner family at this time;

Prayers for Julie's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth:

Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs, passed away last week. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for Pam's sister, Melanie.

Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away this last week. "Dave and I were blessed to be at her side and also be there for my Dad, Chester. Prayers would be greatly appreciated." Annie.

Health concerns for Ginny Carrol-diagnosis-Lukemia- Please hold her in prayer-early stages; continue your prayers for Carolyn and Tom Grey. Carolyn, who has been in rehab since suffering a stroke in August, fell this week during rehab and broke her hip. She had surgery but she is experiencing a lot of pain and discomfort with a variety of issues. Current address: Carolyn Grey 230W. 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203. Prayers for Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner, now up to 4 lbs; prayers for Judy Biegon's cousin's immediate and extended families (Mary's husband, Dean). Cousin's Karen and 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; 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, her 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;

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; Lisa and Terry Prindle; Janette Bader and family(6481 N. Bowden Road, Scales Mound); and "Owen is doing well. Thank you for your prayers" Carmen.

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.

