

Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection - *Improvisation*

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The Lord's Prayer

We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson—Psalm 19.1 (NRSVUE)

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson—Psalm 148 (NRSVUE)

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
10 Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
12 Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon - *The Problem with the Earth*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

Hymn

Thou Art Worthy

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Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Craig Courtney

+ Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia (v. 1 and refrain)

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment (based on John 3.1-7)

Loving Creator,

we come together to present our tithes and offerings.

We are reminded of the profound love

with which you have called us your children.

Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship

of the resources you've entrusted to us

are a sign of our commitment

to this holy transformation.

May these offerings we bring today

be a reflection of our love for you

and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings.

Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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+ Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in G from "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues"*

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Johann Sebastian Bach

Our service of worship is ended.

Our worship through service now begins.