

SUNDAY MORNING – Grounded in Creation Liturgy
August 16th 2026

OPENING LITANY (All Month)

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, the tree of life that brings healing for the nations, our nourishment and our care, our connection and salvation. **Amen.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us now, in earth, air, and fire; in water, flora, and fauna.

All: We rest in connection with all of God's creation.

One: Christ came among us, with breath and movement and feet that touched the earth.

All: We yearn for connection with all of God's creation.

One: The Holy Spirit moves among us, as close as our very breath.

All: We move in connection with all of God's creation.

One: God of all, we seek to be one with you and all you have made. Be near us when we are disconnected, and bring us into right relationship with all of your good creation. Give us open hearts, open hands, and compassion for all, as you ground us in connection with every living thing. Amen.

OPENING HYMN – **Canticle of the Turning** **ELW 723**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Fire God of justice, **kindle in us the fire of your hope. Lead us with the flame of clarity, love, and compassion. Fill us with your warmth, that we may go into the world burning with zeal for your gentleness and care. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Exodus 3:1-7

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb,

the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

Exodus 13:21

²¹ The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

SERMON

HYMN - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW 618

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS – Emmy will write

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY – Let the Vineyards

OFFERING PRAYER (All Month)

We give you thanks for the gifts of the earth and the gifts of your people.
Knit us together as one in you that we may know connection, joy, and peace
with all of creation. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (Words don't need to be on screen)

Blessed are you, O God of creation. You birthed the planets and galaxies,
you filled the earth with soil and water, you gave life to plants and animals.
You give us water, air, grace, and love to nourish us day by day. You breathe
life into our bodies, and you came to live among us on this earth in the form
of Jesus, your beloved child.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my
body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to
drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and
for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In this meal, we remember your Son Jesus, who walked on this soil, who is
the living water, the bread of life, the true vine, the sower of the seeds. Send

the breath of your Spirit to this meal, and fill us all, in every time and place, with the fire of your love. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.`

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L) Taste and see that the Lord is good. **C) Thanks be to God.**

**** Bread is Gluten Free. A Non Alcoholic option is in the center of the trays.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

L) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C) Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All Month)

Gracious God, **We give you thanks for the abundance of your created world. As we receive your gifts, send us into your creation to echo back**

**your joy and mercy. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray.
Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God who holds creation tenderly bless you, keep you, and fill you with life, in the name of Christ, (+) who grounds us, loves us, and draws us into joy. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Shine Jesus Shine

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, care for creation. **Thanks be to God.**