

The risen Jesus is the Christ at the center of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.

This we believe.

The Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of all creation.

This we believe.

We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

This we believe. Thanks be to Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Response *Morning Has Broken* #469

Prayers of the Community with Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *All Creatures of Our God and King* Arr: Lorie Line

***Doxology** #592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Benediction**

May the God who is above and through all and in all fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth, the pulsing of Christ through Earth and the dream of the Spirit that all will be reconciled, renewed, and restored through Christ our wounded healer. Go in peace, serving Christ and loving the Earth. Amen.

Postlude *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
Arr: Mark Hayes

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:30 am

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ!"*

We welcome you to worship today.

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Visitor's Card and introduce yourself to the Pastors and to those around you. Thank you.

We welcome children in worship! We have activity bags so they may stay with their families during worship. Parents are welcome to take advantage of the staffed nursery upstairs.

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***Rooted and Growing in Christ's Love
to Nourish a Hungry World***

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Pouring the Water into the Font

Remember your baptism,

And be thankful.

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Arr: Fred Bock

*Call to Worship

Christ, we come into your presence to worship
in this sanctuary called Earth.

**We invite the wilderness to worship with us:
thickets and rugged terrain, deep gorges
and mountain ranges.**

We invite the flora to sing in the sun:
cactus and tumbleweed, brush and bristle.

**We join with the fauna of the wilderness in praising God:
elk and bears, rattlesnakes and hovering hawks.**

God, reveal yourself to us here,
and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

*Hymn of Praise

Creator of Mountains

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Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

**Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in
beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the
balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience
unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet
also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended
consequences. Too often we give in to temptation that
disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We
cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to
the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and
love each other and the earth. Do not let our hearts be
fearful, but let us acknowledge our sin and seek the
forgiveness that restores your peace. Amen.**

Prayer Song *Christ Beside Me* STF#2166 (v.1)

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me, never to part.*

Silent Reflection and Confession

*Proclamation of the Gospel

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Risen Lord.

*The Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.
Amen.*

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Scripture

Joel 1:8-10,18-20, Exodus 3:1-15

Message

Wildfires

An Affirmation of Faith

God creates all things, renews all things,
and celebrates all things.

This we believe.

Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all creatures.

This we believe.

God became incarnate, a part of Earth, like Adam, a human
being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke
among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings
and for all creation.

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Remembering in Prayer

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Ministry of the Church in the Community: Neighbors Together

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For those seeking healing and comfort: Linda, Jan, Wendy, Jessica, Firefighters, Rainey, Carol, Billie, Wynona, Steve, Emily, Ken, Barrett, Bill, Jody M., Robert, Trinity, Dan, Bill, Dennis, Bob, Charles, Hazel's niece, Dan's friends Ethel and Steve, Sam's friend Debbie, Ross, Corban, Katelyn, Dave S and Christine S, Karley, Palestine and Ukraine, all those places impacted by war and political turmoil.

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