

Feast of Creation in Christ

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

6:30 pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Prelude/Gathering Music - Tim Drewes

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Kara Markell, CEIE Faith & Ecology Roundtable
(in person/online, have some water, all resources available on CEIE website)

Rev. Kendall Haynes, Rector St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Land Acknowledgement - Rev. Laura Baumgartner

We have arrived today on this holy ground. This place was created by God and is God's. The dust of the Earth, the rivers that water it, the creatures that call it home, birds of the air, and the fish of the sea all belong here, to this holy ground. Since time immemorial, God has welcomed people here who have stewarded this land and its inhabitants, living in ways that allow all to thrive together. This evening, we honor the Coast Salish peoples including the Duwamish, Suquamish, and others, their teachings, their wisdom, and their ways. We recognize that we have not always lived in accordance with their teachings and have harmed God's good Earth. We commit today to right past wrongs through the building of relationships of trust, reciprocity, and justice with our native neighbors who still live here today and will for many more generations.

Opening Acclamation Dr. Kristen Daley Mosier

Oh Lord our Lord,
How exalted is your name in all the world!
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
Oh Lord our Lord,
How exalted is your name in all the world!

Opening Hymn All Creatures of the Earth and Sky [OL pdf available: [#80362](#)]

*All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Salutation [Salt Lantern](#) Litany (Rev. Laura Baumgartner)

The Feast of Creation honors all God's handiwork.

Praise be to God, the Creator of the land and the sea, the sky and the rain.

We gather to pray for peace with justice for those who inhabit places, near and far.

We come to be strengthened and fortified for the work we are called to do.

For Creation groans under the weight of human emissions

and even the stones are shouting out because we have been silent too long.

In this season, the lantern shines beauty from inside the stone.

In this season, salt connects oceans teeming with life with tears shed in grief.

May God's beautiful creation inspire our worship.

May God's love inspire our song.

Sing: "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People" - 1 verse OL #03185 .

You are salt for the Earth, O People. Salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O People: Life in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;

Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the city of God!

Opening Prayer/Collect Dr. Kristen Daley Mosier

Author of Creation:

In wisdom you brought forth all that is,

to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom.

You make holy the matter and energy of the universe

that it may delight you and give you praise.

We thank you for gathering all Creation into your heart

by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory;

through the One in whom all things have their being,
Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word.

Penitential Prayer Rev. Rachel Baker

(Source: Creation Justice Ministries)

Spirit of Life and Love, Source of All, Precious God, we humbly come before you this day.

We acknowledge that all creation comes from and is a reflection of you. By your creative will and design, all life forms took shape out of your holy breath - each for its particular purpose and yet all interdependent. Our hearts are heavy with grief at the harm we cause our human and nonhuman kin. We ask your forgiveness.

We pray for ourselves and all people to repent and change our consumeristic ways.<pause>

Words of absolution

Fr. Kendall Haynes

(Source: New Creation Liturgies)

Beloveds, God speaks to our hearts to change our ways and to embody hope and peace with and for creation.

Peace with yourself

Peace with Creation

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (share a sign of peace with one another)

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2.4-20a

Jennifer Edwards

(The Inclusive Bible)

Psalms 148

Kara Markell & Tim Drewes

Psalm 148

Mark Mummert



The splen-dor of the LORD is o-ver earth and heav-en.

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Acts 17.22-28

(Common English Bible)

Gloria - Taizé

Kara and Tim lead

Taizé



John 1.1-5

Todd Peterson

(NRSVUE)

Silence for Reflection**Remembrance of Baptism****Prayer of lamentation**

(Season of Creation Resources)

Leader: (Joe) We look upon your waters, O God, and we grieve:

Rivers run polluted. Oceans choke with plastic.

Marine life disappears from warming seas.

Coral reefs fade and fisheries collapse.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader (Rachel): The seas rise and swallow coasts.

Storms grow stronger.

Floods destroy homes.

Drought cracks the Earth and children thirst.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: (Kristen) We confess that we have not guarded your waters.

We have consumed water without restraint.

We have polluted what you called good.

We have forgotten that the river of life flows from your throne.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Blessing the water: Rev. Laura Baumgartner

God, your mercy, flows like living water.
 Your love, oh God, incarnate in Jesus, who spoke to troubled waters,
 Renew us in this water so that justice and peace may flow
 within our lives and all around us,
 In the name of Christ, bless this symbol of renewal, refreshment and restoration,
 so that as we remember our baptism, remember who we are, we may recommit
 ourselves to follow and proclaim the good news of the healing of all creation.

All: Amen.

Asperging/Sprinkling

Song: "Crashing Waters" OL Number #03954

*Crashing waters at creation,
 ordered by the Spirit's breath,
 first to witness day's beginning
 from the brightness of night's death.*

*Parting water stood and trembled
 as the captives passed on through,
 washing off the chains of bondage,
 channel to a life made new.*

*Cleansing water once at Jordan
 closed around the one foretold,
 opened to reveal the glory
 ever new and ever old.*

*Living water, never ending,
 quench the thirst and flood the soul.
 Wellspring, source of life eternal,
 drench our dryness, make us whole.*

Ecological Affirmation of Faith

(South Indian from Episcopal Season of Creation)

*We believe in God, who creates all things,
 Who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
 Who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
 We believe in God as the source of all life,
 Who baptizes this plane with living water.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
 The malnourished one, the climate refuge,
 Who loves and cares for this world
 And who suffers with it.
 And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
 Who came to reconcile and renew this world
 And everything in it.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
 Who moves with God
 And who moves among and with us today.
 We believe in everlasting life in God.
 And we believe in the hope that one day
 God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.*

Prayers of the People based on the Ecological Moleben Service of the Orthodox Church in America for use on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation. The Moleben is a type of service in the orthodox tradition specific to supplication around a particular theme.

<https://www.orth-transfiguration.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Ecological-Moleben.pdf>

O Maker and Creator of all things, who hast on their waters laid the beams of Thy pavilion. Thou art the One who didst create humans after Thine own image and likeness, placing us in this world to cultivate and preserve it.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Words cannot convey our gratitude for such an undeserved gift. Our hearts overflow with love for Thee, revealed in the wonder of creation.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Turn not away Thy face even now, O Lord who lovest humankind. Grant conversion to the foolish and salvation for them and for creation subject to them.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We entreat Thee, O all-merciful God, fill our hearts with Thy wisdom, that we may cultivate Thy world in restoring the integrity of creation to the benefit of our souls and bodies and to the glory of Thy most holy Name, for unto Thee is due all glory, honor, and worship to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Ecumenical Lord's Prayer

*Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,*

*on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
 For yours are the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
 now and forever. Amen.*

Sending Song God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (1,2,4) OL #43593

*God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
 Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
 We, thy children, in thy likeness, share inventive powers with thee;
 Great Creator, still creating, teach us what we yet may be.*

*We have conquered worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race,
 Known the ecstasy of winging through uncharted realms of space,
 Proved the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
 Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.*

*As thy new horizons beckon, Father, give us strength to be
 Children of creative purpose, serving man and honoring thee
 'Til our dreams are rich with meaning, each endeavor thy design;
 Great Creator, lead us onward 'til our work is one with thine.*

~Invitation to Gathering & Conversation~ Rev. Dr. Kara Markell

Blessing - Fr. Kendall Haynes

Postlude - Tim Drewes

Find more resources for the Season of Creation here:

<https://www.seattleu.edu/center-for-ecumenical-and-interreligious-engagement/ceie-earth-care/>