



*Worship for Sunday*  
*May 12, 2019*  
*10:30 a.m.*

*Our Mission:*  
*Growing in Spirit*  
*Living as Disciples*  
*Serving God's World*



### **Preparation for Worship**

O God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship  
with all living things, our brothers the animals  
to whom thou gavest the earth as their home in common with us.

We remember with shame that in the past  
we have exercised the high dominion of [humankind] with ruthless cruelty  
so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to thee in song,  
has been a groan of travail.

May we realize that they live not for us alone  
but for themselves and for thee,  
and that they love the sweetness of life.

--Basil the Great, 4th century

### **We Gather in God's Name**

Prelude

Sean Cator, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the friendship register.*

## † Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## † Praise Song

*You Never Let Go*

Praise Band

## † Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God together. Let us sing to the Lord a new song; a song for and with all the creatures of the earth.

Many: Let us rejoice in what God has created. It is good!

One: Let us marvel at the creatures that are wonderful in God's sight.

Many: Let us extol God's handiwork.

One: Lord, help us to wonder and to stand in awe at the richness of the world before us. Every creature gives you praise.

## Hymn #23

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

## Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, we too often ignore the cries and suffering of your creatures, and the groanings of your creation. Our lives are bound up with other species, and we ask your forgiveness for the ways we take your creation for granted, misuse its resources, or mistreat other creatures that call the earth home. Give us clean hearts and caring hands, O God. Remind us that we too are creatures, interdependent and vulnerable, part of your wondrous web of life. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God declares the creation good. We are among God's creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to till and keep the earth. Forgiven and restored, with hope and inspiration to answer that call, we place our trust in God to show us the way.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

Anthem

*Simple Praise*  
Chancel Choir

Courtney

## Baptism of William George Cantwell

Hymn of Response #486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (Verses 1, 3, and 4)*

Children's Message

John Machado

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:24-2:3

Hymn #713

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-24

Sermon

*Steward's Song*

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*You Say*  
Katie Machado, Soloist

Praise Band

† Response #609

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Caroline Hayes

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### **We Depart To Serve God**

† Hymn #700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sean Cator, Pianist



*The Flowers Are Dedicated  
by John and Hiede Sowdon*

*In Honor of Their 35th Anniversary*

*Your greeters today were the Amatuzzi Family—  
Rachel, Nick, Lily, Belle, and Charlotte*



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN  
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they  
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a  
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-  
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 4-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship: K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

***SUNDAY SCHOOL*** - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 5-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

***GRACE INSIGHTS*** - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in groups that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

***PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!***

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