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WELCOME

GREETING

GATHERING SONG *‘God, We Gather as Your People’* ACS 1038

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME -

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (Inclusive Bible Version)

⁹Yhwh will make you prosper in all the work of your hands, and in the fruit of your body, of your livestock and of your lands. ¹⁰Yhwh will once again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as God delighted in your ancestors and prospered them, if you obey Yhwh, your God, and keep the commandments and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law, and return to Yhwh with all your heart and soul. ¹¹For this Law that I give to you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it beyond your reach. ¹²It is not up in heaven, so that you need to ask yourselves, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” ¹³Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” ¹⁴No, the word of God is very near to you; it is in your mouth, and in your heart, so that you can keep it.

PSALM 25: *‘God’s Work, Our Hands’* ACS 1000, vs 1,4

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14 (Inclusive Bible Version)

¹From Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Timothy, ²to the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you

from our Loving God. ³We always give thanks to the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ whenever we pray for you, ⁴ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you show toward all the holy ones, ⁵because of the hope stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News ⁶which has reached you is spreading all over the world; it is producing the same fruit there as it did among you, ever since you heard about God's grace and understood what it really is. ⁷Epaphras, who taught you, is one of our closest coworkers and a faithful laborer of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and it was he who told us all about your love in the Spirit. ⁹Therefore, since the day we heard about you, we've been praying for you unceasingly and asking that you attain the full knowledge of God's will, in perfect wisdom and spiritual understanding. ¹⁰Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen. ¹²Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! ¹³God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. ¹⁴And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *'The Living Word'* The Liturgy of the Beloved

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" ²⁷The expert on the Law replied: "You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you'll live." ²⁹But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: "And just who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. ³²Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side. ³³"But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, ³⁴approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. ³⁵The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, 'Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I'll repay you on the way back.' ³⁶"Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?" ³⁷The answer came, "The one who showed compassion." Jesus replied, "Then go and do the same."

SERMON – Rev. Christie Morrow -Wolfe, Assistant to the Bishop, Eastern Synod

SONG OF THE DAY: *‘Spirit, Open My Heart’* ACS 1043

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God’s presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of Earth,
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.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation, and filling the universe.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life,
creation groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

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

“Affirmation of Faith” from Universe Sunday, posted on the Web of Creation website.
webofcreation.org/SeasonofCreation/universe.html

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

OFFERING SONG *‘Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ’* ELW 674, vs 3, ref

OFFERING PRAYER

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING Sung ELW p.219

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD Spoken ELW p.220

LORD’S PRAYER – by Rev. Jim Burklo

**Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

May your powerful presence become obvious



Online Giving



**not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth.
Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together,
because clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.
We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.
We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.
Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.
So it is, Amen.**

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG *'Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand'* ACS 1024 ref, vs1, ref

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