

July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Prayer Blanket Dedication

WELCOME

PRELUDES (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

Day of Prayer
Prelude on Eventide

James Southbridge
Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa)**

One: Lord God, giver and sustainer of life,

All: You call us to responsibility and to care for your creation:

One: Help us to respond to your call and be keepers and healers of the earth;

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OPENING SONG (Projected) *God of Wonders

(verse 1)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high.

(refrain)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

(verse 2)

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
And as I stumble through the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(refrain)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (x3)

(refrain)

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me

Father hold me, hold me

*Please stand as you are able.

***The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy
Holy, holy.***

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (x5)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed as caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors. Yet, we often neglect our task. Remembering our task leads us to confess our sin and yearn for God's forgiveness:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from the Anglican Church of Canada)
Lord of all the universe, through your incarnation in Christ you identified with the created order and proclaimed your love for the world. Yet, we live in the illusion that humankind is separate and alone. Assist us, through your Son, to respect and cherish the earth and all its creatures. Join us in communion with all the inhabitants of the universe, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

One: Lord God, you gather up the pieces so that nothing is lost, alerting us to our carelessness and teaching us to share from the abundance in our midst. In Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #71**

Surely, It is God Who Saves Me
(refrain)

First Song

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Lord, move our hearts to be generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy, that we may share the abundant and eternal life you offer. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

RESPONSIVE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-31 (Responsive)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble,

One: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

One: They saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

All: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

One: They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

All: They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.

One: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

All: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

One: Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simple Gifts

Conley

Alto Saxophone Solo: Don Sullivan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38 (selected verses)

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

¹⁹ “Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, ²⁰ that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? ²¹ Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!

²⁵ “Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain and a way for the thunderbolt, ²⁶ to bring rain on a land where no one lives, on the desert, which is empty of human life, ²⁷ to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground put forth grass?

³⁴ “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? ³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are?’ ³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens ³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

WITNESS**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

Sonno (from La Notte)

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. by Greg Chmura**DEDICATION OF PRAYER BLANKETS****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER*****SENDING SONG #22**God of the Sparrow
(verse 1)

Roeder

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars, How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise.

(verse 2)

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast, How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry save.

(verse 3)

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave, How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks.

(verse 4)

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal, How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life.

(verse 5)

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook, How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace.

(verse 6)

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart, How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home.

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CHARGE AND BLESSING*POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

Michael A. Johnson

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Mid-week Lunch Group**

All are welcome to gather for lunch together at Buckeye Café (located across from the church in Tanglewood Square) at noon on the second Wednesday of each month (August 14, September 11, etc.) for a time of good food, great coffee, and even better conversations.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center in July for BBQ bundles that are being distributed at the end of July:



Ground meat, hot dogs, buns, mustard, ketchup, barbecue sauce, chips, charcoal, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Faith Garden

We believe that it is a good thing to spend time in God's creation, and to be faithful stewards of the good gifts that God provides.

All the produce raised in the Valley Faith Garden is donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

You are invited to come and spend time in and around the Faith Garden – weeding, planting, picking, or just sitting for a rest – at these times (from May – September):

First and third Tuesdays of each month – 6-7 p.m.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet (come when your schedule allows):

July

Sunday, July 21 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

August

Sunday, August 11 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

Bev Keough
330-888-5385

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, August 16, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, August 17, 2024 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Caring for God's Creation

Friday, August 9

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (lunch included)

Cost is \$5 per child / \$10 per family per session

Children age 3 - entering 5th grade

God created an amazing world, and - as God's children - we have been called to care for it.

Join youth and adult volunteers from Valley as we learn about the mysteries and science of our natural world; and how we can participate in nurturing and healing the earth and all its creatures.

Activities will include music, movement, science lessons, working in the garden, service projects, and bible story time.

Register on the church website, through the July/August Valley Voice, or call the church office.

Faith & Love: Building Up Our Community with Fellowship, Meals, and Acts of Kindness

Coinciding with each of our **Caring for God's Creation** events for children is a meal for all ages featuring a speaker from the community who will share their expertise, along with a related activity. We would love for you to join us at our **Table Together Meals**. **Although it is not necessary, if you know you're coming, please sign up at the address below or via the newsletter, weekly email, church website:**

Friday, August 9 - Table Together Dinner - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

God's plan needs all of us

Guest Speaker: To be announced

Bloom where you are planted

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/bCahwwBNGWBe6BCG8>

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