

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King, arr. J. Chrisman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

People: We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

People: We ask for your blessing, your *shalom*, on the creatures present here that we love, and all creatures celebrating in the wild.

Leader: In the name of God, who creates all life, in the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and in the name of the Spirit, who renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life:

People: Shalom! May your blessing come!

HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, Coronation

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,

People: We thank you, God!

Leader: Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

People: We thank you, God!

Leader: Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,

People: We are sorry.

Leader: Lord, for all the times we have used poisons that have killed animals,

People: We are sorry.

Leader: Lord, for all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans or fields,

People: We are sorry (silent confession continues...) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader Christ forgives us for all our sins against the creatures of the earth. Christ forgives us and calls us to honor and protect all animals. May the animals of earth be our companions in life and lead us to celebrate our place in the circle of life.

People: Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 30:24-28

Four things on earth are small, yet they are exceedingly wise: the ants are a people without strength, yet they provide their food in the summer; the badgers are a people without power, yet they make their homes in the rocks; the locusts have no king, yet all of them march in rank; the lizard can be grasped in the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

SERMON

The Secret Life of Dogs

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (unison prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful, Royal Oak

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà, J. Pachelbel



Leaders Today

Preacher.....Pastor Scott Anderson
Liturgist..... Sandy Curran
Minister of MusicJoe Chrisman
AV/Tech.....John Tarr