



15th Sunday after Pentecost  
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GATHERING TOGETHER

*Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.*

*Please speak aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk \* is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE O Sons and Daughters Let us Sing  
15th century French carol  
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WELCOME Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT Praise to the Lord Almighty  
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CALL TO WORSHIP Pre-K-5th Graders  
Lighting the Candle  
Words for Worship: Creation

\*HYMN No. 679 **Let the Whole Creation Cry**

CALL TO CONFESSION Mary Mikell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of Beginnings,  
You create, not in the abstract, but in the particular.  
We confess that we have cared little for your balance,  
and under our weight the careful tapestry you have woven has torn.  
Not in the abstract, but in the particular, we have damaged your creation,  
and we have not inconvenienced ourselves for its repair.  
We forget our interdependence with the soil from which we come.  
We set ourselves apart from the companions you gave us.  
We dismiss your handiwork and take it for granted.  
Forgive us.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Not in the abstract, but in the particular,  
in this place, in this land, with this water,  
breathing this air, in these bodies,  
forgive us, God,  
and set us aright in your beautiful world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Sung through one time*

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:4b-25

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 713

***Touch the Earth Lightly***

OFFERING of GIFTS

Beth Paskoff

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

*I Sing as I Arise Today*  
*Traditional hymn*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Old Hundredth*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

**God of the mountains and of the sea -  
God of you and God of me -  
in honor of the amazing world you have made,  
and with thanks for all we have been given within it,  
we return our gifts of time, talent, and treasure this day  
that they may be of service to your whole creation.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

God, maker of heaven and earth - loving potter, playful engineer...

... Together let us say the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Mother and Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles. UPC uses gluten free bread and grape juice as our communion elements.*

## COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of connection,  
may these gifts of bread and juice,  
and the promise of your ongoing presence,  
continue to join us to one another  
and to all your creation  
on this day and every day. Amen**

\*HYMN No. 22 vv. 1, 3, 4, 6

***God of the Sparrow***

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

**everywhere!**

POSTLUDE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*Arr. Jan Sanborn*

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