

The Feast of the Creator

Holy Trinity, Creator's Many Faces

Service of Holy Communion

September 6, 2026

Welcome to this service of celebration.

The Feast of the Creator is a new feast day in our liturgical calendar, a major feast day affirming creation as God's creative act, a sacrament and a gift from our Creator, who calls us into a covenantal relationship of care with all creation.

*We invite you to participate fully in the service,
and to remain following the service for our Coffee Hour.*

Children are welcome to attend our Children's Program or to remain with their families and there is a special area in the sanctuary for them to use at any time.

As we worship, at any time during the service, please assume whatever physical position is best for you.

The Gathering of the Community

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. *(John 1:3)*

You are invited to stand for the first hymn as you are able.

Opening Hymn CP365 Glory to God on High

**Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed
in glory bright.**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb,**

**who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Land Reflection

As we gather together in the wonder of God's creation,
let us take a moment to feel our feet on the ground.

A moment of silence.

Holy Creator, breathe your Spirit into us again.
Quiet our minds, soften our hearts.
Draw our awareness from the tops of our heads
to the soles of our feet.

Righteous God, we give thanks for the land that has long sustained life. We give
gratitude and thanks to Michi Saagiig, Anishinaabeg and Chippewa Nations, who
have cared for these lands for countless generations before us, with wisdom,
ceremony and responsibility.

**We give thanks for their enduring care
and we honour the living traditions
of the original peoples of this land.**

Holy God, with grieving hearts we long for justice. We acknowledge the injustices of
colonization and the harm done and we confess the ways we continue to fall short
of justice and reconciliation.

**May we be called
Into right relationship with one another
and with all creation.
May we love as Christ has loved us.**

Creator, you who breathed life into every living being,
guide us into loving relationship with every creature,
every tree, every river, and all people.

**May we walk gently upon this earth,
grateful for this place we call home.**

Amen

The Creation Collect of the Day

Creator,
**you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own
image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all
creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus
Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being.**
Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs (8:22-31)

“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world’s first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker,
and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (33:1-9)

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing for God a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
For the word of the Lord is right,
and all the works of God are sure.
God loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.
God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.
Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.
For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.**

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Colossians (1:15-20)

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn CP 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (1:1-5)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

The Sermon

(A brief silence for reflection)

An Affirmation of Faith for the Season of Creation

Let us declare our faith:

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every creature in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with divine love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Creator, Child and Eternal Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the world, the church and ourselves, assuming whatever physical position helps us to pray (remain standing, kneel, or sit).

The response to the intercessions will be:
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins against our Creator and creation.

A brief silence is kept.

God of compassion,
**have mercy upon us.
Heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment
and neglect of the creatures
who share the earth with us.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent**

for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will
and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.
Amen

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please turn to the people near you and offer a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

*The offering of money is a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives,
collected in the plates placed at the front and back of the church before the service.
The offering plates will not be passed during the service.*

Offertory Hymn *CP 445 God the Creator*

**God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.**

**O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.**

**O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.**

**And with the people summoned to gather
to be the church in which faith is sown.
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

God our Creator,
**all creation yearns in hope to be set free. Receive all we offer you this day and
through this Eucharist lead us to be servants of your justice and truth in the
name of Jesus. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to our creating God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, God our Creator.
Your infinite love created a universe of wonder.
At the dawn of time your Word summoned light
and bade it blaze forth in the darkness.
From your breath
sprang the dance of the stars in the night sky.
You laid the foundations of the earth, spread out the seas,
and stretched out the heavens like a tent above our heads.
You brought forth life in marvellous variety:
mosses, grasses and trees,
insects and animals
that move with grace and beauty,
birds that ride the winds,
and the shimmering creatures of the waters.
All creation bears witness to you:
your glory shines forth in the night sky;
your wisdom is seen in the cunning miracle of a living cell;
your care is found in the generous bounty of the earth;
your joy flashes forth in a hawk on the wing;
your beauty meets us in the birth of each new day.

All things praise you in their own way,
and we join in that chorus as we sing:

**Holy, most holy all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole,
and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

For such praise you created us,
youngest of all your creatures:
alongside all of creation you formed us of the earth,
along with all life we are quickened by your breath,
but of all creation you made us to bear your image
in loving care for all creation.
You call us to lift the voices of all creatures
to praise you through language, music, and art.
But we have failed you, failed your creation,
and failed our own nature.
We have forgotten our connection with the earth and all life.
We imagine ourselves masters of our own destiny.
We have betrayed our duty to care for creation,
and exploit it ruthlessly in our shortsighted greed.
To recall us to our true nature, you sent your Son Jesus.
In him divinity entered into creation, sharing our human flesh,
showing us our true calling as servants and priests of creation.
When Jesus was led by our selfishness,
fear, and lust for power to cruel suffering and death,
he did not abandon us.

Gathering his disciples on the night before his death,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying:
“This is my body, given for you. Take and eat”
– that I may dwell in you,
that you may become my body,
bringing nourishment and life to all.

After supper he took the cup of wine,
blessed it and shared it with them, saying:

“This is my blood, shed for you. Drink this”
– that you might have a part in my death,
dying to selfishness, violence, and sin,
and raised to the redeemed life of the kingdom.

Remembering his sharing of our flesh,
his embrace of life and acceptance of death,
his glorious resurrection as the first born of your new Creation,
we offer ourselves,
our lives and labour and aspirations to you, O God.

May we be transformed into the Body of Christ,
that we might fulfil our purpose of caring for Creation,
and giving praise to you our Creator.
Pour out on us anew your Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
who nourishes and sustains all things living,
who sighs for redemption in all Creation
and in the depths of our hearts.
Sanctify to us this meal of the Kingdom.
Renew our hearts, renew our lives,
renew the face of the earth.
Gather all nations and all creatures together into your peaceable kingdom, where
together, in infinite diversity,
we may sing with joy your praise,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore.

Amen

A brief silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

**"I am the bread which has come down from heaven,"
says the Lord.**

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Spiritual Communion

For those who are worshipping with us online, we invite you to make your spiritual communion, by inviting Jesus into your heart, saying "Come, Lord Jesus."

A brief silence is kept.

Communion can be brought to you in your seat if that's easier for you. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine may indicate this to the bread administrator by placing a hand to your heart.

Special prayer will be offered during communion at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to be prayed for.

Communion Hymns

Hymn: CP49 Draw Near and Take

**Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you out-poured.**

**Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.**

**Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.**

**Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.**

**The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields;
to all believers life eternal yields;**

**with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole; gives living waters to
the thirsting soul.**

**Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

Hymn: CP649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Hymn CP435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
take my feet and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
**that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.**
**May we be one with you
so that our work is yours and your work is ours.**
**Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *CP399 Now Thank We All Our God*

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
who heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Go Now in Peace

The Dismissal

**Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

Our Leaders Today

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