



partnered in Christ with FUENTE DE VIDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Guatemala

September 12, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

"The heavens herald your glory, O God, and the skies display your handiwork."—Psalm 19:1

Prelude Ascension & Invitation *Lyndell Leatherman*

Introit 174 Come and Seek the Ways

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather in the name of the Creator, who colors the sky;
in the name of Christ, who died under dark skies;
and in the name of the Spirit, the wind in the sky.

**We join the heavens in praising God:
proclaiming God's glory across the globe
and hailing God's name with the evening stars.**

***Hymn 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, our Creator, though we look to the heavens, we fail to see the wonders that surround us: your presence in the morning light, your Spirit in the wind, your mercy in the falling rain. We confess that our hearts are insensitive to the cries of creation: cries for justice from the air, the clouds, and the sky. Forgive our complacency, O God, and teach us to care. In the name of Christ, who unites heaven and Earth. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response 594 Holy, Holy

A Moment for Children *Mark Stanley*

Anthem God, Grant Me to Be Silent *Mark Hill*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 19:1–6

Sermon *The Echoing Cry* *Dwight Christenbury*

***Hymn 7** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

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

**East Side: We believe the earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred place filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.**

*West Side: We believe that God became flesh and blood,
a piece of the earth, a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffering and dying on a cross
for all human beings and for all creation.*

**East Side: 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 cosmos.**

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

**All: We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate God's new creation.**

Welcoming New Members Jane & Joe Strange, Steve Byerly,
Mark & Martha Johnson

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering & Blessing of the Gifts

***Hymn 370** "This Is My Father's World"

Charge and Blessing

Postlude Toccata in D minor Johann Ernst Eberlin

Special thanks to Eric McAnallen for today's organ obbligato

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from liturgies produced for observance of the Season of Creation by the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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TODAY - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

9:45 - Summer Learning Hour
9:45 - Issues and Concerns Class
10:30 - Special Session Meeting
11:00 - IN PERSON WORSHIP

MONDAY

9:00 - Finance Team
10:00 - New Member Subcommittee
11:00 - Civitan
1:00 - Rebekah Circle
4:00 - Tai chi
5:30 - Zoom: Local Missions Ministry
6:30 - Zoom: Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 - Staff Meeting
10:00 - Coffee Group
3:30 - Deacons Meeting
4:00 - Global Missions Ministry
5:30 - Creation Care Alliance Event
(Bullington Center)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - Friends in Christ

THURSDAY

11:00 - Zoom: "Between the Lines"
1:30 - AA Ladies
2:00 - Spanish
3:00 - Endowment Committee
4:00 - Tai chi
6:30 - Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

9:45 - Summer Learning Hour
9:45 - Issues and Concerns Class
11:00 - IN PERSON WORSHIP

Weekly Calendar:
Sep12 - Sep 19

LITURGIST: Pat Dienst
PROJECTIONIST: Russ Russell

FLOWERS: Given by Margaret Bolick in honor of her late husband, Don Bolick.

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PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: the Tolleson family upon the loss of Rob's brother Wally, Margaret Sharke upon the death of her husband Al **Rehabilitation/Nursing:** Nancy Underwood (The Bridge) Janet Baker (Carolina Reserve), Nell Payne; Ron Hoverson (The Lodge) **Home:** Shannon Slater, Barbara Pickwood, Cheryl Perryman, Dave Gilbert, Bill Payne, Linda Dillon, Jack Presseau, Barbara Garrison, Judi Johnson, Ginny & Jim Vallar, Ben Moore, Dan Green, Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins, Bea Miller, Charlie Hunnicutt, Barbara Nichols, Dave Morrison, Bud Weeks, Evans Thibodeau, Sue Elsassner, Lisa Merritt (Sandra Dwork's daughter-in-law), Jeffrey Presseau (Presseau's son), Sarah Broadus (Nancy Williard's niece), Bob Stanfield's sister, ML Forsythe's sister Evelyn, Sarah Kuykendoll (Steve's mother), Jim Smelker's sister, David Hiltabidle (Paul Soltesz' cousin), Becky Stanley's mother, Jose Palacios, Irma Baldwin, Sandra Dwork's grandson Jeremy, Gillian (Edie Clark's granddaughter, Irene Lunsford and Brenda Jarrett (family of Nancy Twitchen & Dolly Owens) Don Cunningham, (Sarah Thibodeau's brother). Please remember mission coworkers and our Guatemalan partner church, Fuente de Vida.

MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM: Last year we knew there was an increased need for assistance to citizens due to COVID, so we embarked on a program whereby Trinity would match contributions up to \$15,000. Thanks to donations not only from members but others in the community, we were successful. IAM was thrilled to receive \$30,000 as a result of this effort. Since mid-May, we have had a similar program in process, with a match of up to \$25,000 (total potential gift of \$50,000). Recipients will be IAM and our Guatemala sister church that has also been hit hard by COVID. The Session has voted to end the program at the end of September. Through August, the donations received are: IAM \$10,497.50 and Guatemala \$5,257.50. If you plan to still make a donation, please make your check out to Trinity and note either or both IAM and Guatemala in the memo line.

CREATION CARE ALLIANCE: Sept 14 , 5:30-6:30 pm

Join us in Hendersonville's beautiful Bullington Gardens for a time of fellowship and flowers. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet CCA's new director Sarah Ogletree and spend time with others in your region dedicated to loving our human and non-human neighbors well. We will walk through the gardens, get to know one another, and think together about what creation care opportunities are blooming in our life and community. Register today. We look forward to being with you.

<https://creationcarealliance.org/event/a-walk-in-the-garden-cca-southern-region-gathering/>

This is a FREE event, but if you are able, please consider bringing a small donation to help us thank Bullington Gardens for sharing their space with us. You can also support the work of CCA here:

<https://creationcarealliance.org/support-us/>

Questions?: sarah@creationcarealliance.org

ISSUES AND CONCERNS Starting today at 9:45, we'll begin a study based on the book, Great Peacemakers, by Ken Beller and Heather Chase. Through engaging readings we will learn about peacemakers from around the world and discuss why they are considered peacemakers and how we can cultivate peace in our own lives. First session will discuss Henry David Thoreau and Mahatma Gandhi.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS HAVE ARRIVED. They are available in the clear plastic bin outside the front door. Get 'em while they're hot!

EVERY TIME A WEED IS PULLED, AN ANGEL GETS ITS WINGS - Special thanks to our especially feathery friends, Diocles Wells, Priscilla Karvonen, and Don Osterberg, and Jim Kisner (among many others) who weed, plant, trim, fix, glue, install, etc. Come get YOUR wings! Call Don Osterberg at [828-290-5234](tel:828-290-5234) to help.