

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 11:12-25

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Sermon: "The Temple and the Withered Fig Tree" Pastor Dan DeGroot

Response

*Song of Response: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" LUYH 334:1-4

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Benediction

*Song: "The Blessing"

***The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.***

Amen, amen, amen.

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Eastertide

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Psalm 104:24

How many are your works, Lord!

In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dan DeGroot, Dr. Joel Kok ✦ Piano: Sara Ploegstra ✦ Guitar: Clay Baas
Violin: Joya Breems ✦ Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries ✦ Worship Leaders: McCarthy family
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Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: "Rejoice in All Your Works"

1. ***Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light—
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.***

Chorus

***Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!***

2. ***Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. (to chorus)***

3. ***May the pond'rings of my heart, and the song upon my lips,
with the chorus of creation join in praise:
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns! (to chorus)***

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

LUYH 551:1,2,4,6

Renewal

Prayer of Confession (including Psalm 51:10)

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible
in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift.

We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Yet, so often we put conditions on our love—

and joy and peace are difficult to discern
when our words and actions deny their presence.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit in me.**

By desiring instant results to most things these days,
we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient.

We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others
because we run out of time to be kind to anyone other than ourselves.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit in me.**

When we persistently make self-centered decisions
rather than Christ-centered ones,
our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened
and our discipleship lacks credibility.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit in me.**

In this aggressive world, it's easy to believe one can't get anywhere
by exercising a spirit of gentleness or even self-control.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit in me.**

Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love
so that we may truly care for one another.

**Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit
so that we are fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: II Corinthians 5:17-18

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Those who are in Christ are a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!

All this is from God

with whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Word

Children's Blessing: "Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord"

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Children ages 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, we invite you to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.