**Season of Creation**

**Nativity Worships September 18, 2022**

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| Prelude | *Prelude in b minor* | Chopin |
| Opening Hymn | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | H 390 |
| Sequence Hymn | *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart* | H 488 |
| Offertory Hymn | *(In bulletin) Praise God from whom all blessings flow* |  |
| Communion Hymn | *There is a balm in Gilead* | H676 |
| Post Communion | *God of grace and God of glory* | H 594 |
| Postlude | *Prelude in e minor* | Chopin |

**The Collect**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Season of Creation Collect**

O God, the ground of being, who formed us and all living creatures from carbon dust, into which you breathed your Spirit of life; forgive us for viewing ourselves as separate from and dominating creation; gie us instead a humble sense of ourselves as belonging to the earth so that we use our skill and power as stewards of the land from which we came and to which we return, through Jesus Christ who dtook on our flesh, and with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament: Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,   
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**The Psalm: Psalm 113**

***Laudate, pueri***

1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

**The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for our parish members: Jamie, Nancy, Marge, Donna, Dan, Nina A, Marian, Steve and our family and friends: Mary P, John, Miles, Deidra, Layla, Brigitte, Mary Lou, Seanna, Lauren, Karen, Cris, Andrew, Thomas, Jean, Rod, Ann, Linda, Lou Elsa and Ann.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially David Heine and those who have died in the war in Ukraine.

**Announcements**

This year Nativity will participate in the Season of Creation with a special book study: [The Book of Creation: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality](https://smile.amazon.com/Book-Creation-Introduction-Celtic-Spirituality/dp/0809138999) by J. Philip Newell. Rev. Rebecca and I will lead this study group and we are open to the timing. We will meet every other Thursday morning (10:30-11:30). Our next meeting is Thursday the 29th and we will read chapters 1 and 2.

Please put in your calendars and help us with outreach by inviting your friends, family and neighbors to join us for.

* + St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals and “Nativity Goes to the Dogs”-hot dog BBQ and fundraiser party on October 2nd.
  + All Saints Day Memorial Garden Blessing and Commemoration on November 6th

Memorial Wall: If you would like to purchase a plaque or if you know former members of Nativity who might like to purchase a plaque, brochures are available on our website or from Jane Hassinger today. First plaques on the wall will be unveiled at the All Saints Day blessing of the Memorial Garden.

We will with thanksgiving receive offerings of Nativity pledges and plate today. You can contribute by sending a check to the church or by using the “Give” button on our website,[www.nativityonthehill.org](http://www.nativityonthehill.org).

All who participate in this Holy Eucharist virtually receive the full benefits of the sacrament by coming with the intention of being united with Christ and one another. (BCP 457).

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.