



10:30

September 18, 2022

Third Sunday of Creation

WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning. We are happy you are here to worship with us. If you want to know more about the Church of Reconciliation, you may email the church office at info@cor-satx.org to receive our weekly e-mail.

All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive Communion at your seat instead of at the rail, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Hot Breakfast!

Hot Breakfast has returned! **We will begin serving at 8:30 and will end when we run out of food!** Please join us for the best Hot Breakfast in town! There is a suggested donation of \$5.00, but you are still welcome to join us and have breakfast even if you cannot pay.

Centering Prayer

Following a summer break, Centering Prayer meetings began again. The meetings will be held in the Library from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Our meetings begin with one or more short readings for reflection and discussion. Our time together finishes with a 20-min centering prayer session. The group meets on the *1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month*, September to May. Please join us, whether you're new to contemplative prayer or you have a long-time practice! Please email Margaret Lewis at margaret.lewis22@gmail.com for any questions.

Parks and Rec Hike Club

Save the date for our next hike **on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00am at Tobin Park Trailhead**, 2020 NE Interstate 410 Loop, San Antonio TX, 78218. Afterward, we will have lunch at **Zito's**, 8800 Broadway St., San Antonio, TX, 78217.

Hand Work/Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

Wanting to slow down a bit and take some time to relax with good company? Come and mingle with Rec's KnitWits (aka Prayer Shawl/Hand Crafts Ministry) **Thursdays 12pm-2pm** in the Rec Library. It's a time of fellowship while we lovingly create small items (caps, scarves, shawls, baby blankets, etc.) for neighbors needing comfort. Interested, but have a conflict? Do contact Christie! (xts@sbcglobal.net) I'm also in the church office Thursday morning). Looking forward to seeing you!

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00am** – Holy Eucharist (no music)
 - 9:00am** - Christian Education & Formation
 - 9:00am** – Chapel with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 - 9:30 am** - Family Faith Formation
 - 10:30am** – Holy Eucharist (livestreamed, with music)
- MIDWEEK SERVICE**
- 12:30PM** - Wednesdays

Pantry Monetary Donations Needed!

Our little free pantry has grown into a thriving ministry. While we have many volunteers who stock the pantry on a daily basis, monetary donations are needed to help keep the pantry stocked. If you are interested in donating, be sure to note that it is for the food pantry in the memo line. Thank you!

Young Adults

Our next Young Adults gathering will be on **Friday, September 23rd** at Torchy's Tacos, 18210 Sonterra Pl, San Antonio, TX 78258, from 6pm to 8pm. See you then!

October 2nd: St. Francis Day and Blessing of the Animals

Join us **for only one service at 10:00am** on the Labyrinth. Bring your pets or your favorite stuffed animal to be blessed! We will have pup cups for the animals, and special treats for the humans! **There will be no Breakfast, no Adult Formation and no Children, Youth and Family Formation.**

Use this QR code to sign up for our weekly newsletter!
Or text **RECONCILIATION** to 22828.



Today's altar flowers are given by Eddie Cox in honor of his wife Katheryn's birthday: "Happy birthday, sweetie!"; and by Jann Steed in thanksgiving for the blessing of Grayson Jade on the anniversary of their family day.



LGBTQ+ Family Camp in the Diocese of West Texas

Last November my wife, Haley, and I attended the first ever LGBTQ+ Family Camp in the Diocese of West Texas. This year, I am helping to host it in December! The weekend was honestly one of the most incredible things I have ever been a part of. It was a life-giving time for me and so many others who attended. The weekend allowed us to connect with one another and grow closer to God. Until then, I had never been in an LGBTQ+ religious space that was completely affirming. Many of the attendees grew up in denominations or churches where they had been demonized or spiritually abused.

The weekend helped to connect all of us with the message that we are beloved and cherished--both inside and outside of the church. It was an honor to be a part of, and I am so excited to be helping plan it this year.

It is my hope that you will each engage with this retreat somehow. If you feel inclined, we would love for you to pray for us! The host committee is working hard to get clergy and mental health clinicians to present a wide variety of topics for the weekend, and we would appreciate any support. You can also help by getting the word out to LGBTQ+ families, couples, or individuals! We want everyone in the community to know they are welcome. **Finally, if you are able, please consider making a donation, so we can continue to provide scholarships to anyone who needs it! Be sure to put "LGBTQ+ Family Camp" in the memo line.**

In Joy,

Bryna Nation

- The cost for one individual to attend is \$160.
- The cost for a family of four to attend is \$638.

INVITATION TO CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

THE OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION

Be Thou My Vision
Hymnal #488

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of Creation, lover of life in every form: help us to love what You love, show us how to love Mother Earth with respect and compassion for her suffering. May we dedicate our prayer and practice to her welfare and to all the lives that depend on her for their very existence. On her behalf, O God, compel us to steadfast stewardship. In the name of Christ, manifest in Creation where Your Spirit abides forever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Read by Jennifer Gwin

"My joy is gone, grief is upon me..."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

Refrain: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from First Timothy.

1 Timothy 2:1-7
Read by Joan West

"First of all..."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Creating God

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
In-dwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man...”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

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THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 481

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together.

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved

your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Marise Melson

Intercessor: Dear God, as faithful people, we come to You with our prayers, thanking you for loving us through these challenging and turbulent times, and for showing us the way of love through the example of Jesus.

Professing to love You, we must love what you have created. Bless us with resolute minds and hearts of service. May this be our most fervent prayer: to love as you love, proclaiming our love through steadfast stewardship each and every day.

We pray for the holy Church of God, that it may step forward with fearless leadership, answering the call for urgent care of God's Creation. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for David and Rayford, Bishops of the Diocese of West Texas; for Josh and Judy, our priests, and for all ordained and lay ministers. Fill them with courage and commitment to preach and teach the sacredness of Your Creation as foundational to our spiritual journey. We pray to you, Beloved Creator,
Teach us to love as you love.

We pray for the human family, that our divisions and violence against one another may cease, for these only distance us from You. May we live into the unity we share with all creatures as fellow beings of Earth. Help us to care as You would have us do. We pray to You, Beloved Creator,
Teach us to love as you love.

We pray for the leaders of all nations and those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, and Ron, our Mayor, that they summon an unflinching courage to build the political will for decisive action on behalf of Planet Earth. As citizens of the world, we recognize and accept the need for sacrifice as we change harmful ways on behalf of the one home we share. We pray to You, Beloved Creator,
Teach us to love as you love.

For all who live and work in this community, especially first responders, medical workers, service members, plant and animal care specialists and volunteers, and for all passionate souls who come to the aid of our threatened planet, we pray to You, Beloved Creator,
Teach us to love as you love.

For all who suffer in any way, the poor, the persecuted, the sick; for prisoners, for those fleeing danger and all who seek a life of wholeness and safety; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine; and for those around the world experiencing the effects of climate change; for those we name now, either silently or aloud ____; we pray for our own parish family, especially Jan, Kimberly, Ron, Nora, Garnet, Kes, Stella, Robert, Tiffany, John, Sylvia, Jeffrey, Wally, Sabrina, Judith, Priscilla, Richard, Jean, Betty, and Marguerite; we also pray for animals who suffer and die as victims of cruelty, and neglect, and for all threatened forms of life that You have created; that they may be relieved of their suffering and protected from further harm; we pray to You, Beloved Creator,
Teach us to love as you love.

For all who have died, and for those who mourn; for countless lives that have been lost through extinction; that they may find peace in Your welcoming love. May they enjoy eternal rest, nestled in the arms of Your love. We pray to You, Beloved Creator,
Teach us to love as you love.

The celebrant reads the Concluding Collect.

Celebrant:

As we receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Eucharist, we are reminded that we cannot profess our love for You while continuing to harm and destroy this sacramental Earth. May we be ever more dedicated to becoming like the One we receive. O God, we offer these prayers in the name of Christ manifest throughout all Creation and wherein Your Spirit abides. **Amen.**

A PRAYER IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Creator God, we thank You for our wondrous diversity, for our cultures, traditions and languages, for all the ways we celebrate our humanity and praise Your divinity. We value all peoples, and in this time, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. May we remember in our churches the leaders, teachers, and theologians that have been part of our Christian faith tradition. May we continue to hear from diverse voices that speak the truth of God's love, peace and justice for all peoples. Guide us in ways of new understandings to build a more inclusive church. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray. **Amen.**

-Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Minister and People

Almighty God, Source of all that is,

Giver of every good gift:

**You create all people in your image
and call us to love one another as you love us.**

**We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.**

**We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.**

**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or
the varieties of human experience.**

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that
hold those same neighbors in oppression.**

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,**

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(The people exchange greetings)

GATHERING HYMN

Reconciliation Song

<i>Cantor:</i> We are one	<i>People:</i> We are one
<i>Cantor:</i> One body	<i>People:</i> One body
<i>Cantor:</i> All of us	<i>People:</i> All of us
<i>Cantor:</i> One body	<i>People:</i> One Body
<i>Cantor:</i> God has made	<i>People:</i> God has made
<i>Cantor:</i> One body	<i>People:</i> One body
<i>Cantor:</i> Many parts	<i>People:</i> Many parts
<i>Cantor:</i> One body	<i>People:</i> One body

All: We are one!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Martha Hughes	9/18
Stephanie Farias	9/18
Katheryn Cox	9/19
Emily Lawitz	9/20
Betty Ehlinger	9/22
Steve Gilliam	9/23

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. -*Hebrews 13:15,16*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Hath a Garden by Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
a paradise of fruitful ground,
chosen by love and fenced by grace
from out the world's wide wilderness.

Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear
their sweetest perfume through the air:
stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
till the beloved Master come:

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
there planted by his mighty hand;
by Eden's gracious streams, that flow
to feed their beauty where they grow.

That he may come, and linger yet
among the trees that he hath set;
that he may evermore be seen
to walk amid the springing green.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
<i>Celebrant</i>	God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (sung)

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God, of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The LORD'S PRAYER

Pulkingham

**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 forever. Amen. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, for it is the Risen Christ who invites you, it is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

HOLY COMMUNION

**What Feast of Love
With One Voice #701**

All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

*At the Communion rail, it is our custom to greet one another at the rail.
Before taking Communion, please turn to your neighbor and offer this greeting:*

Greeting:

The KIN-dom of God is yours today.

Response:

And yours also.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**God of Grace and God of Glory
Hymnal #594**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

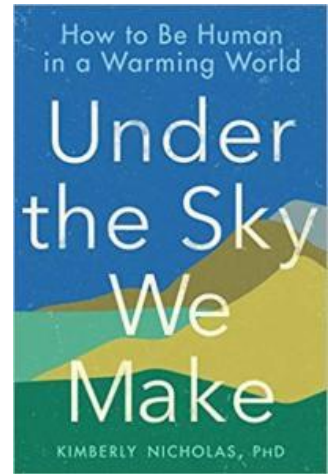
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Book Club: An Intergenerational Conversation on Care of Creation

Kimberly Nicholas, author of *Under the Sky We Make: How to Be Human in a Warming World*, (Putnam, 2021) writes:

“We need people with the courage and compassion and imagination to transform themselves, and society, in ways that science tells us are necessary... Each of us can become that sort of person; more and more... every day.”

Nicholas is a climate scientist, but her book reads more like a personal memoir. And while she does not write from a Christian faith perspective, but she does do a very good job mapping out the emotional and cultural terrain of our contemporary world.



The Rec Creation Care team will host a series of casual conversations, structured around *How to Be Human in a Warming World*, for five weeks beginning October 9. Meetings will take place at noon in the library, following the 10:30 am worship service.

Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Susan Ennis at (210) 250-0380 or susancennis@gmail.com, so we can plan for light refreshments.

Bring your faith and your questions. We will have lots to talk about!

Sunday gatherings at noon

- **October 9:** Introduction & Part 1, Climate science & contemporary culture
- **October 16:** Part II: Grief, Fear, Anger, Meaning
- **October 23:** Part III: We Can Fix it, chapters 8 and 9
- **October 30:** Part III: We Can Fix it, chapters 10, 11, 12
- **November 6:** Chapter 13, Being a Good Ancestor, and the conclusion

At least one copy of the book is available at San Antonio Public Library and another at Universal City Public Library. Books are also available through Barnes & Noble locally, and through Amazon as Kindle e-book, and audiobook, or a paperback.

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Elementary Ministry:

Ages: 4 years old through 4th Grade

Family Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:30-10:20am in the Children's Building.

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

Middle School Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room

Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

High School Faith Formation: Sundays from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room

High School Youth Group: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room

Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org for more information.

Use this QR code to make a donation to Rec via PayPal.



Serving and Ministering This Sunday September 18, 2022

8:00

Verger: Ron Graham

Usher: Fred Spartz

Intincter: Carol Westerkom

Lector: Brandi Simpson

Prayers of the People: Brandi Simpson

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

10:30

Verger: Ron Graham

Lectors: Jennifer Gwin, Joan West

Prayers of the People: Marise Melson

Intincter: Sam Gilliam

Acolytes: Jamie Bentley, Ian Roller, Ruben Seitz, Michael Seitz

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Ushers: Bruce Flohr (lead), Bill Schiller, Derek Charette

Greeters: Benjamin PowerGriffin (lead), Katheryn Cox

Hospitality: Gaye King and Brenda Moneer

Breakfast: Team Merrifield

Second Sunday Service Day for Children, Youth and Families

Please make plans to join us on the second Sunday of every month, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Chapel service for **Second Sunday Service Day!** This time will be set aside for ALL of our Children, Youth and Families (and anyone else who would like to join us) to serve our San Antonio community, right here in our very own **Brown Hall.**

Service projects will vary, but we will finish in time for the 10:30 service. (This time of service will take the place of Family Faith Formation for the week.) Additional service opportunities will continue to be offered throughout the school year for our Middle School and High School Youth. Any questions?!? Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy.

Upcoming Second Sunday Service Days:

Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8