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GATHERING

Prelude

Impromptu

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Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call To Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
 the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
 the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
 the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey. In keeping them there is great reward.

Hymn #5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

**1. God the sculptor of the mountains,
 God the miller of the sand,
 God the jeweler of the heavens,
 God the potter of the land:
 you are womb of all creation;
 we are formless; shape us now.**

**2. God the nuisance of the Pharaoh,
 God the cleaver of the sea,
 God the pillar in the darkness,
 God the beacon of the free:
 you are fount of all deliverance;
 we are aimless; lead us now.**

**3. God the dresser of the vineyard,
 God the planter of the wheat,
 God the reaper of the harvest,
 God the source of all we eat:
 you are host at every table;
 we are hungry; feed us now.**

**4. God the unexpected infant,
 God the calm, determined youth,
 God the table-turning prophet,
 God the resurrected truth:
 you are present every moment;
 we are searching; meet us now.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, we come to you knowing that we fall short in doing your will. In an obsession with power and greed, we can lose sight of you and of what is truly important. There are times when we have not recognized our sin and have not cared for the vulnerable amongst us. We have made idols of all things, putting them before you. We have mistreated your creation and pillaged its resources. Forgive us and strengthen us that we may follow your commandments and walk the paths of righteousness. We ask this in the name of the one who came for the redemption of humanity, Jesus the Christ.

*** Silent prayer**

*** Response #578 *Lord, Have Mercy***

1. O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

2. O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: Hymn #547 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* - verse 2**

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First reading: Psalm 19:1-14

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Psalm Response: Psalm 19

Congregational response: **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second reading: John 2:13-22

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The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Whole Creation

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #14 For The Beauty of the Earth**

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

Refrain:

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)**

**5. For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)**

***Affirmation of Faith- Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Musical Offering

Then Sings My Soul
Chancel Choir

by Mary McDonald

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer of Dedication Liturgist**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Response: Santo/Holy (on insert)

Leader: Santo, Santo, Santo

All: Santo Santo, Santo

Leader: es el Señor, Dios del universo

All: es el Señor, Dios del universo

Leader: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

All: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Leader: Hosana en el cielo

All: Hosana en el cielo.

Leader: Blest is he who comes,

All: Blest is he who comes,

Leader: Comes in the name of the Lord;

All: Comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Hosana en el cielo.

All: Hosana en el cielo,

Leader: en el cielo;

All: en el cielo.

Response : Aclamacion Memorial/Memorial Acclamation (on insert)

Leader: Dying you destroyed our death,

All: Dying you destroyed our death.

Leader: rising you restored our life,

All: rising you restored our life.

Leader: En gloria ven, Señor Jesús

All: En gloria ven, Señor Jesús

Leader: Ven, Señor Jesús.

All: Ven, Señor Jesús.

Response on Insert: Doxologia Y Amen/Doxology and Amen (on insert)

Leader: forever, amén.

All: forever, amen.

Leader: Todos cantamos Amén.

All: Todos cantamos Amén.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

*Hymn #24 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

**1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.**

**2. Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings row on row.
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed
in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.**

**3. We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.**

**4. As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.**

*Benediction and Congregational Response Hymn #305 *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy* – v2

**2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Postlude