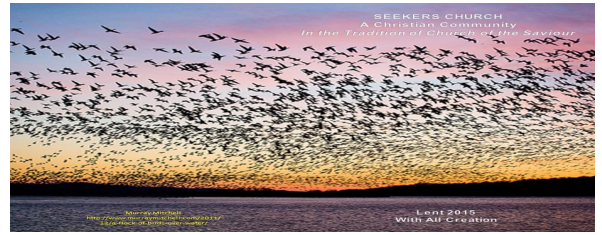


2015 Lent – With All Creation

GATHERING



ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

If you would learn more, ask the cattle,
Seek information from the birds of the air.
The creeping things of earth will give you lessons,
And the fishes of the sea will tell you all.
There is not a single creature that does not know
That everything is of God's making.
God holds in power the soul of every living thing,
And the breath of every human body.

Job 12:7-10. Cited in "Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation" (January 21, 2015)

CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the days of Noah,
God directed him to save all of God's
creatures
by giving them a place in the ark.
Voice 1: It was a hopeful sign of God's loving
covenant
with every living creature.
Leader: In those days people watched the birds and
beasts,
and knew that they were part of
something bigger,
the Realm of God.

Voice 2: Today we watch the energetic flocks of birds,
and see a lesson in community,
reminding us that God holds the life
of every living thing.

Leader: In these days,
God's promise is a new covenant in our hearts,
a sign of hope to guide us
as we learn to love and care for all
creation.

All: In the darkness that is Lent,
we celebrate the promise of God's
abiding love.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One,
we confess that we have not asked the
cattle
or looked for knowledge from the birds
of the air.

People: We are more concerned
with our own creature comforts
than with the comfort of your other
creatures.

Leader: We confess that we have not
taken lessons from the creeping

things,

nor listened to the fish of the sea.

People:

We want to go on living as we always have,
doing whatever we want,
without noticing what that does

to other creatures who share the
earth.

Leader:
knows,

We confess that we forget what all creation
knows,
that everything is of your making.

All:

Forgive us, Holy One, when we forget
that every breath comes from you.

ASSURANCE

Leader:

God remembers the covenant
that is with all people,
and with all creation.

The Holy One loves and forgives us
even when we forget.

All:

Amen

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

INTERCESSION AND PETITION

COMMITMENT

All: O Holy One, we come today

to claim our relationship with you.
We pray for the commitment to grow together,
sharing the gifts you give us with others
here and in the wider world.
Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted,
and help us forgive those who have hurt us.
Give us strength and discipline
to nurture our relationship with you;
to care for every part of your creation;
to foster justice and be in solidarity with those
in need;
to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;
and to respond joyfully when you call,
freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.

We open our hearts to you and your
creation

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.

Amen.

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

COMMUNION

PREPARATION

Leader 1: This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,
the joyful celebration of the people of God.

Leader 2: We gather now as one body, joined around the

stewards of all creation, so we give thanks.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of
life,
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall never hunger,
You who believe in me shall never thirst.

Leader 1: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,
This is my body,
broken for the healing of the world.
Whenever you eat it, do so remembering me.

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,
This is the cup of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for all.
Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.

All: O Holy One, send down your Spirit
that these gifts of bread and cup
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
Unite us with Christ forever
and bring us with the whole creation
to your eternal realm.

SHARE THE ELEMENTS

If you do not wish to receive the elements today you are welcome to join the circle and allow them
to pass, or remain in your seat. We serve grape juice in our cups.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy,
we give joyful thanks
for your eternal love and healing presence

in our celebration of bread and cup.
Bless this body of Christ
that we may attend faithfully
to our call to be your servants,
with each other and throughout the world.

Amen.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader:
knowledge

Let us go forth, secure in the

all creation,

that God is the source of

wisdom awaits us,

that in all creation

are one.

and with all creation we

creates all,

In the name of the One who

all,

fills all and enlivens

with signs of peace.

let us greet one another

All:

Amen.