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Blessed Chaos Genesis 1

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Holiness, Word, Power,
you reveal yourself as one God in three persons,
a mighty, creative, life generating dancer
who invites your creation to join you.
Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world
to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God's people here send their greetings.

*OPENING HYMN:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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- 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,
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,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 4. For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 5. For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Creation displays the glory of God, but sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. In the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.
We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship.
We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard.
We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service.
We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because
you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, leads us to your truth;
Risen one, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who
Worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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O Lord, have mercy, O Lord have mercy,
O Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ have mercy, O Christ have mercy,
O Christ have mercy, have mercy on us.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

The Holy One of Israel,
the Redeemer of all the world,
and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life
forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you,
therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer and receive the peace of Christ as a sign of
God's grace and assurance of forgiveness.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
(We encourage you to share Christ's peace by texts and phone calls.)

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

In accord with God's command that we hold dominion over creation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all for whom we are called to be stewards, saying, God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for our world, which you made and renewed in the power of Jesus' resurrection. Make us wise and careful of your gifts as we live on Earth. God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all into your unending life. God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the church:
for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and the Orthodox; for Sunday school children and youth;
for the elderly whose wise counsel is sorely needed in all ages; and for all ecumenical endeavors that seek to bring us closer to each other and to you. God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For Earth and all creatures and plants;
for healthy water and air and soil;
for policies and laws that regard our home in God's universe as a precious gift. God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For our families, our households, and our communities, that your life together - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - may show us the like importance of each of us and so strengthen us in your grace and truth. God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those who suffer in any way;
for those who struggle to pay rent or mortgage; for those who have no home;
for those who are neglected and abused in our communities;
for people who long for family and are instead alone;
for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up;
and for whatever else you see that we need. God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now, either silently or aloud.... God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we entrust all that is of concern this day, sure that you hear our pleas, grateful that your will be done on earth as in heaven. We pray this in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God now and forever **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life.
Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that
we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. **Amen.**

SECOND READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them,

“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

SERMON:

“Blessed Chaos”

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

Confession of Belfar (from the Book of Confessions)

We believe

that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged

that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.

For day and night, evening and morning,
for land and sea, for fish and birds planets
animals, for humankind, and for your Son,
who came among us with the gift of life abundant.

Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work
through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace,
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"How Great Thou Art"

sung by Lauren Daigle

1. *O lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

3. *And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
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4. *When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Household Prayers

Morning

God of Living,
from whom all blessing flow,
I welcome a new day with thanksgiving
because you cared for me through the night.
Wherever you send me today, whomever I meet,
be in my going and my meeting.
Grant me wisdom to cherish what you give me
and generosity to share what I receive.
Fill me with the Spirit so that I may show courage,
kindness, and sense of humor in the face of the
day's hardships. In Christ's peace, may I withhold harsh judgement
against those who would do me harm.
Show me ways that I may serve you throughout the day
and into the night so that, waking or sleeping, I live for you;
in the name of the Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening

Ancient of days, these hours of light are passing into darkness.
Thank you for being with me.
Let me not forget the joys you put in my life today.
Send your Spirit to fill my memories with comfort and peace
as I prepare for the night.
Where I have failed to please you,
forgive me for the sake of your Son.
If I have been of help to others, let them give thanks to you.
May all night songs praise you; may we evening singers rejoice
in your eternal glory.
And I will celebrate with your whole creation in the name
of Jesus Christ when the new day that
you are bringing dawns. Amen.